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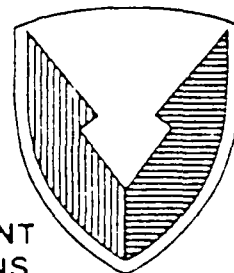
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The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School (USADACS), Evaluation Division (ATTN: SMCAC-DEV), was tasked by the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command (TACOM), Warren, MI to rail impact test the M969A1 Series 5000 gallon fuel Semitrailer Tank Truck. The semitrailer was tested on a flatcar secured with tiedown procedures supplied by Barnes & Reinecke, Inc. and tested to Association of American Railroads (AAR) test standards. Using these procedures, (tiedown and testing), the empty semitrailer tank truck passed the rail impact of 4, 6, 8 and 8 reverse miles per hour. A second set of tiedown procedures was suggested by USADACS reducing the number of cables and blocking. This modified procedure also satisfied the AAR test criteria. This report contains detailed information about these two tests.

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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

A. BACKGROUND

The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School (USADACS) was requested by U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command (TACOM) to test the M969A1 series Fuel Tanker Semitrailer, to the American Association of Railroads test requirements for rail shipments. Two tiedown procedures were used to secure the semitrailer to the flatcar; one procedure was supplied by Barnes and Reinecke, Inc.; the second, using fewer tiedown cables, was designed by USADACS.

B. AUTHORITY

Testing has been accomplished in accordance with mission responsibility delegated by the U.S. Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCCOM). Reference is made to: Change 4, 4 October 1974, to AR 740-1, 23 April 1971, Storage and Supply Activity Operations and AMCCOM-R 10-17, 13 January 1986, Mission and Major Functions of USADACS.

C. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to test the M969A1 Fuel Tanker Semitrailer for conformance to AAR railroad transportability test criteria.

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PART 3

TEST PROCEDURE

RAIL IMPACT TEST

The M969A1 fuel tanker is positioned on flatcar. It is blocked, braced, and tied down in accordance with proposed procedures. Equipment needed to perform the test includes the specimen (hammer) car, five empty railroad cars connected together to serve as the anvil, and a railroad locomotive. The anvil cars are positioned on a level section of track or with air and hand brakes set, and the draft gear compressed. The locomotive switch engineer pulls the specimen car 300 to 500 feet away from the anvil cars and then pushes the specimen car toward the anvil at a predetermined velocity, releasing the specimen car about 200 feet from the anvil cars, allowing it to roll freely along the track until it strikes the anvil. This is one impact. This process is repeated at speeds of 4, 6 and 8 miles per hour (mph) in one direction, and then the specimen car is rotated 180 degrees and impacted at 8 mph. Impact velocity is measured using electronic counter-timer. The trigger is generated by the specimen car breaking two light beams. The first broken light beam starts the counter and the second stops the counter. The light beams are spaced 11 feet apart. The impact velocity is calculated from time measured by the counter-timer and knowing the distance along the track between the start and stop light beams.

PART 4

TEST EQUIPMENT

1. Test Specimen

a. Fuel Tanker, M969A1

1. Weight: 15,400 pounds
2. Length: 368 inches
3. Width: 96 inches
4. Height: 104 inches empty

b. Flat car, 50 feet long

1. Car number: SLSF2152
2. Capacity: 110,000 pounds
3. Load Limit: 118,000 pounds
4. Light Weight: 58,200 pounds

2. Track Timer

3. DATA ACQUISITION

- a. Accelerometers
- b. Telemetry Package
- c. Honeywell 5600c tape recorder

4. DATA ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT

- a. Zenith AT microcompute
- b. Software - ASYST

PART 5

TEST RESULTS

Two series of impact tests were performed. One series of impacts was accomplished with the test specimen tied down using trailer manufacturer procedures; and in the second series, the tie down was accomplished using USADACS procedures. The following sections contain the results of these tests.

TEST NO. 1 Barnes & Reinecke tiedown procedure.

TEST FLATCAR No. SLS2152 LTWT. 58,000 pounds

Lading and dunnage	WT: 16,200 pounds
TOTAL SPECIMEN	WT: 74,400 pounds
ANVIL (5 cars)	WT: 250,000 pounds

IMPACT No.	End Struck	Velocity	Remarks
1	Forward	5.95 mph	1/4" shift at stanchion
2	Forward	6.55 mph	1/8" shift at stanchion
3	Forward	8.25 mph	7/16" shift at stanchion
4	Reverse	8.15 mph	7/8" shift at stanchion

RESULTS OF THE RAIL IMPACT TEST ON
5. GALLON FUEL TRAILER WITH MAX. CABLES
DATE: 12 MAY 1988

TAPE CHANNEL 3 : LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
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IMPACT 1	5.95	1.64	70.75	.07
IMPACT 2	6.55	1.44	61.40	.05
IMPACT 3	8.25	*****	*****	*****
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	-2.12	54.17	.07

TAPE CHANNEL 4 : VERTICAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
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IMPACT 1	5.95	*****	*****	*****
IMPACT 2	6.55	*****	*****	*****
IMPACT 3	8.25	*****	*****	*****
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	.32	51.86	.01

TAPE CHANNEL 5 : LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON TANKER FRAME

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
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IMPACT 1	5.95	.01	38.38	.00
IMPACT 2	6.55	.01	61.20	.00
IMPACT 3	8.25	-.01	60.13	.00
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	*****	*****	*****

TAPE CHANNEL 6 : RAIL COUPLER FORCE

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE POUNDS	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA POUNDS-SECONDS
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IMPACT 1	5.95	316488.00	126.97	29913.10
IMPACT 2	6.55	293088.22	98.67	19836.24
IMPACT 3	8.25	362277.03	103.10	27447.08
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	264685.56	90.58	17844.87

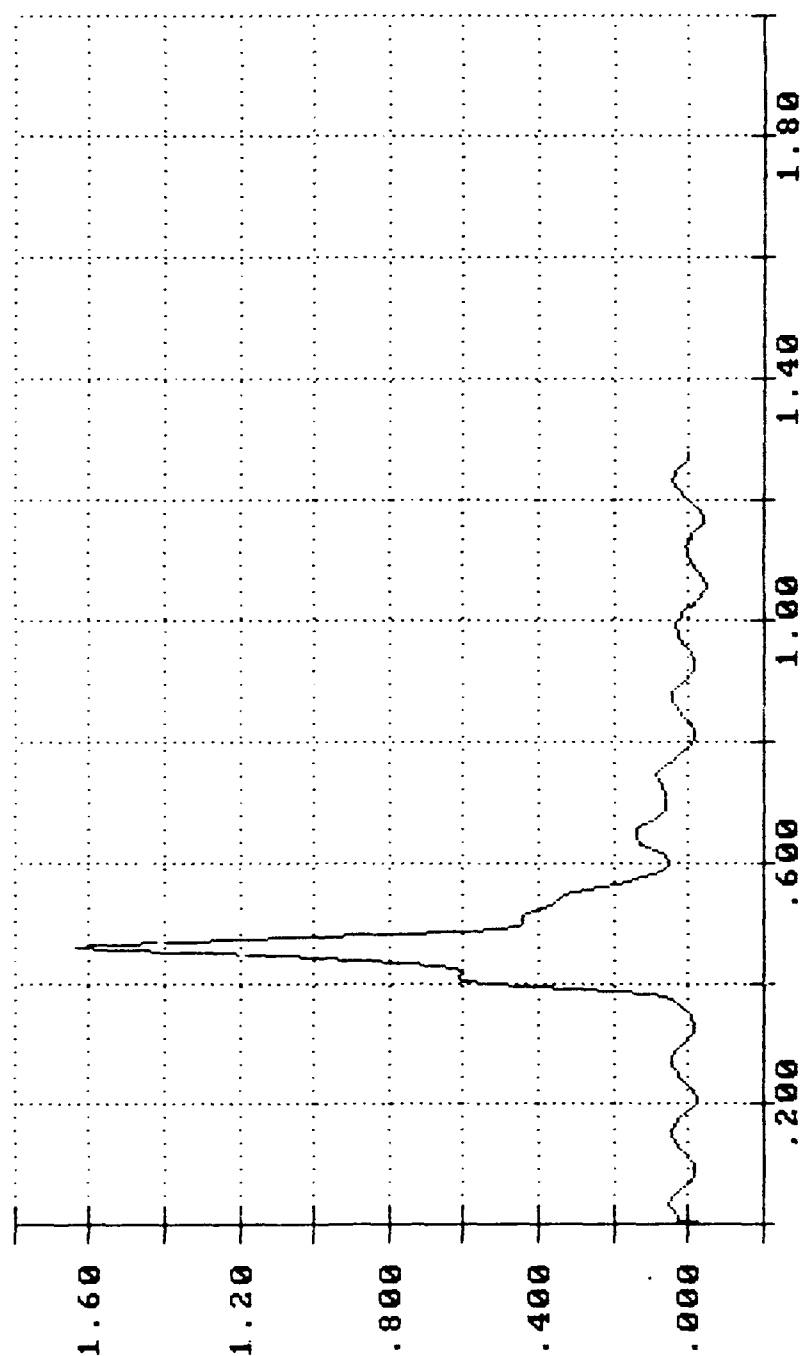
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TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
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IMPACT 1	5.95	- .25	72.77	.01
IMPACT 2	6.55	- .23	55.07	.01
IMPACT 3	8.25	*****	*****	*****
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	.35	76.61	.02

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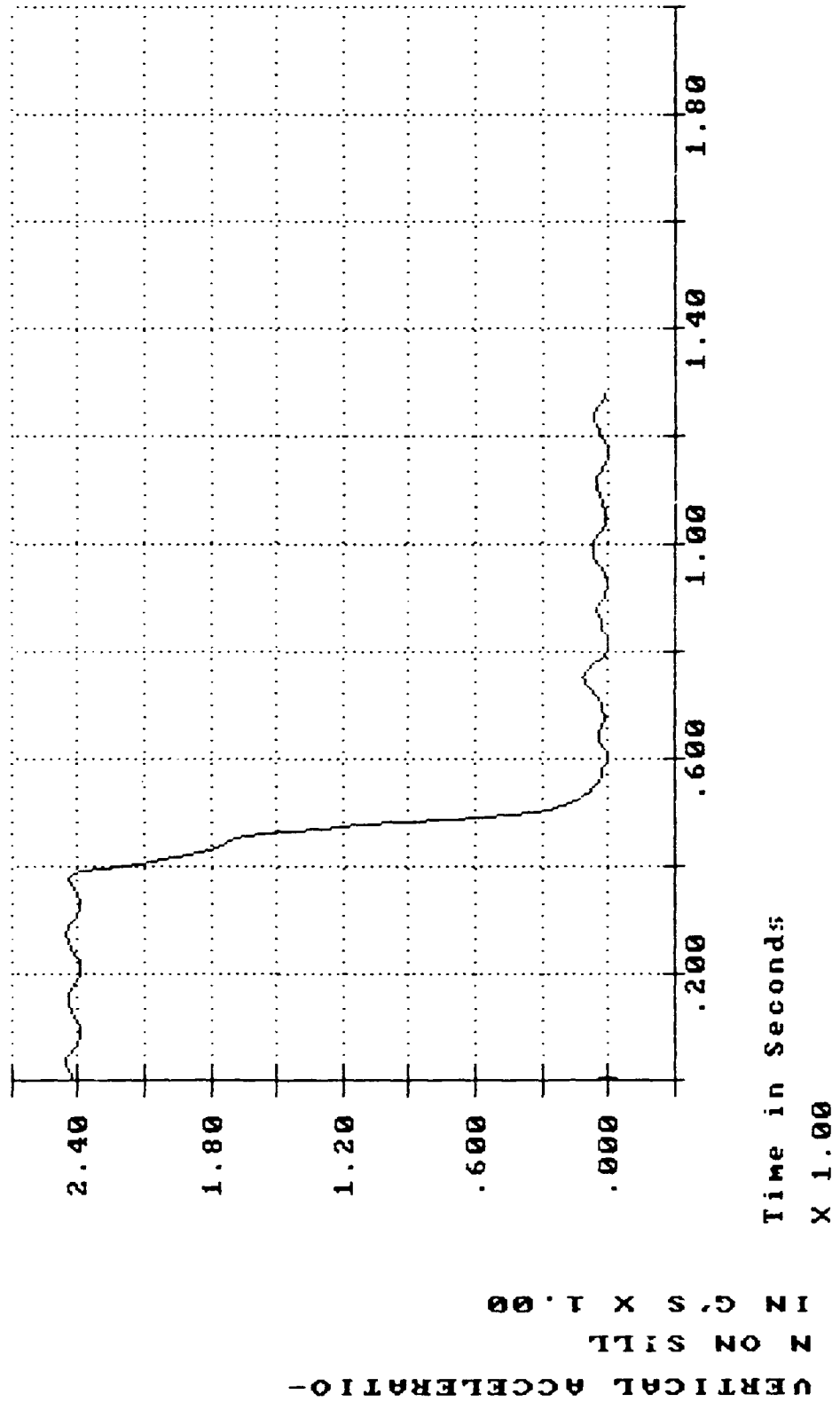
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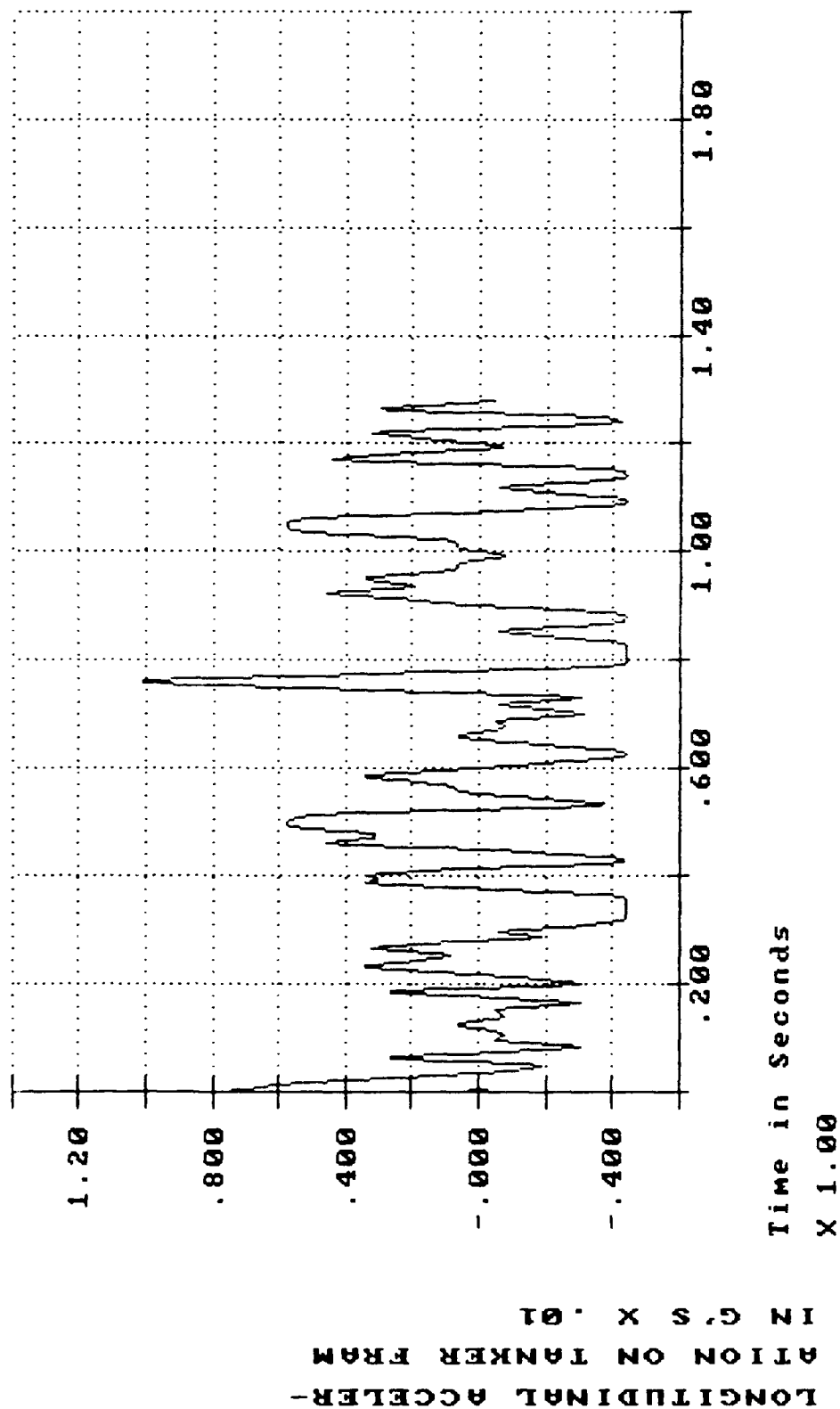
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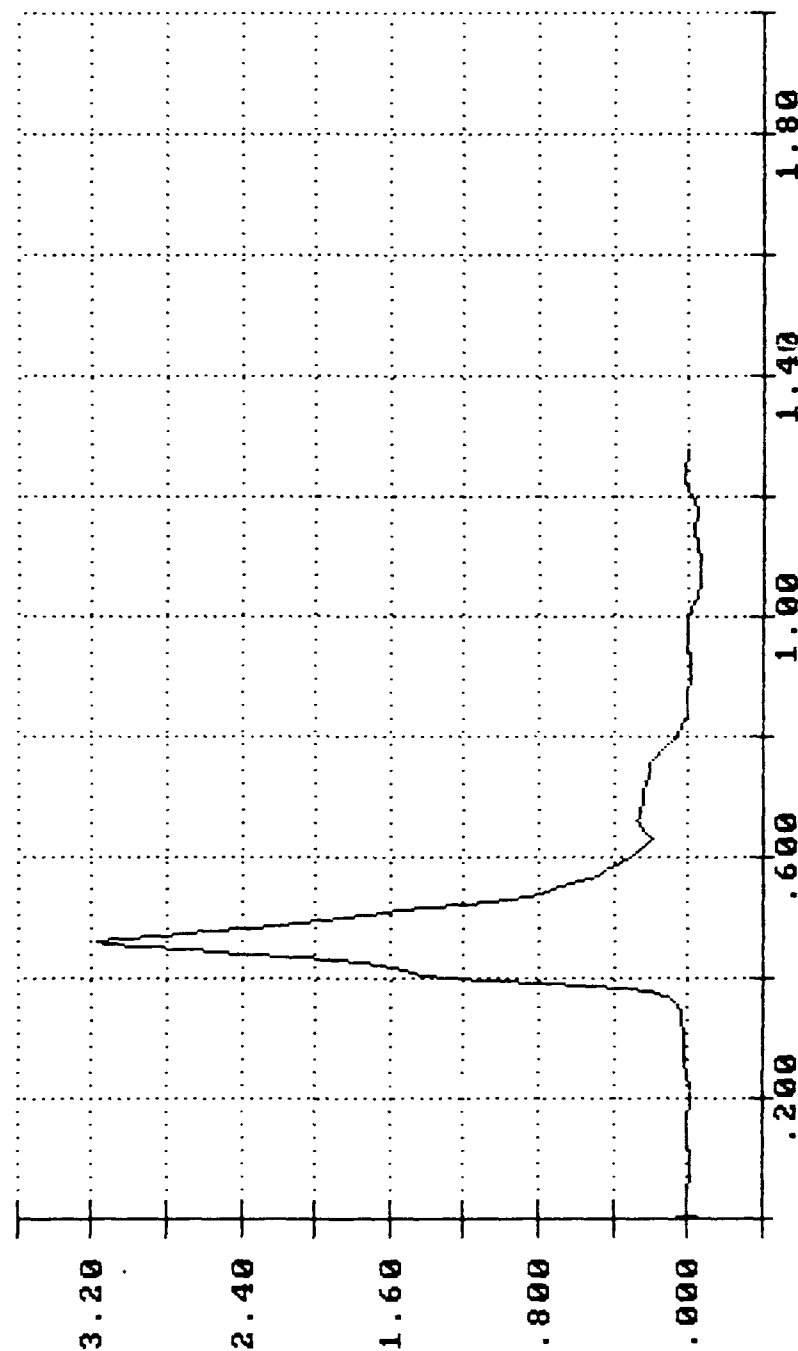
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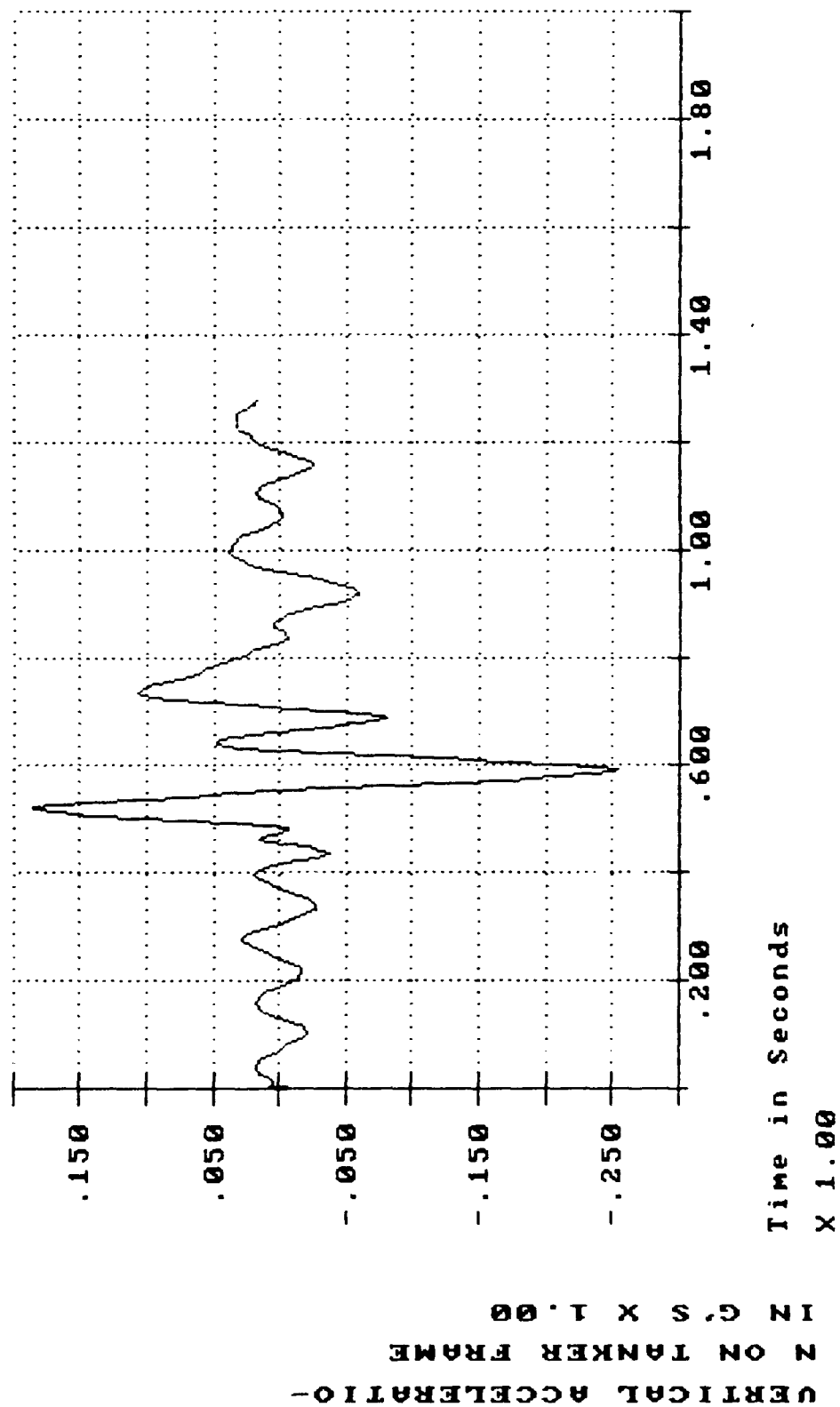
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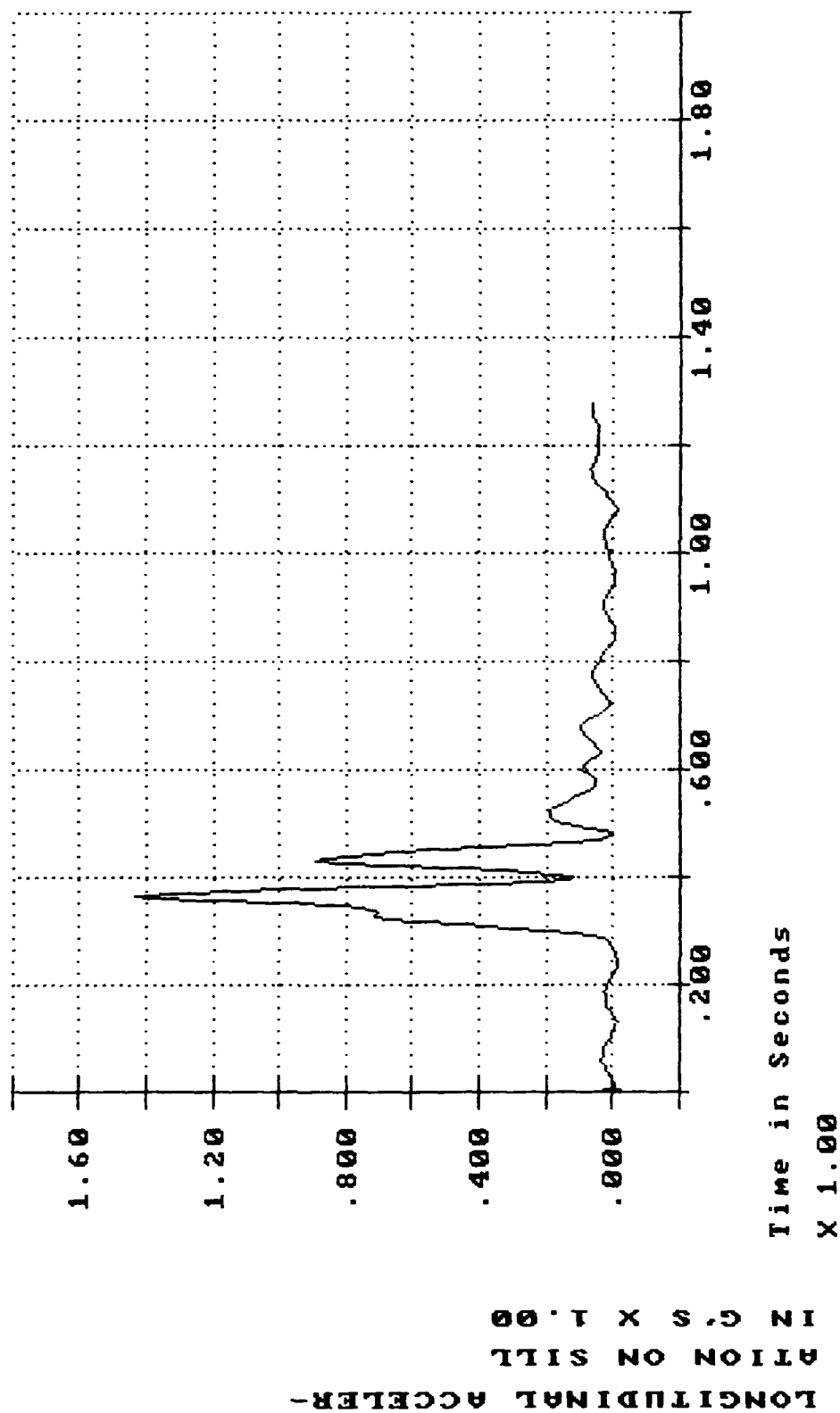
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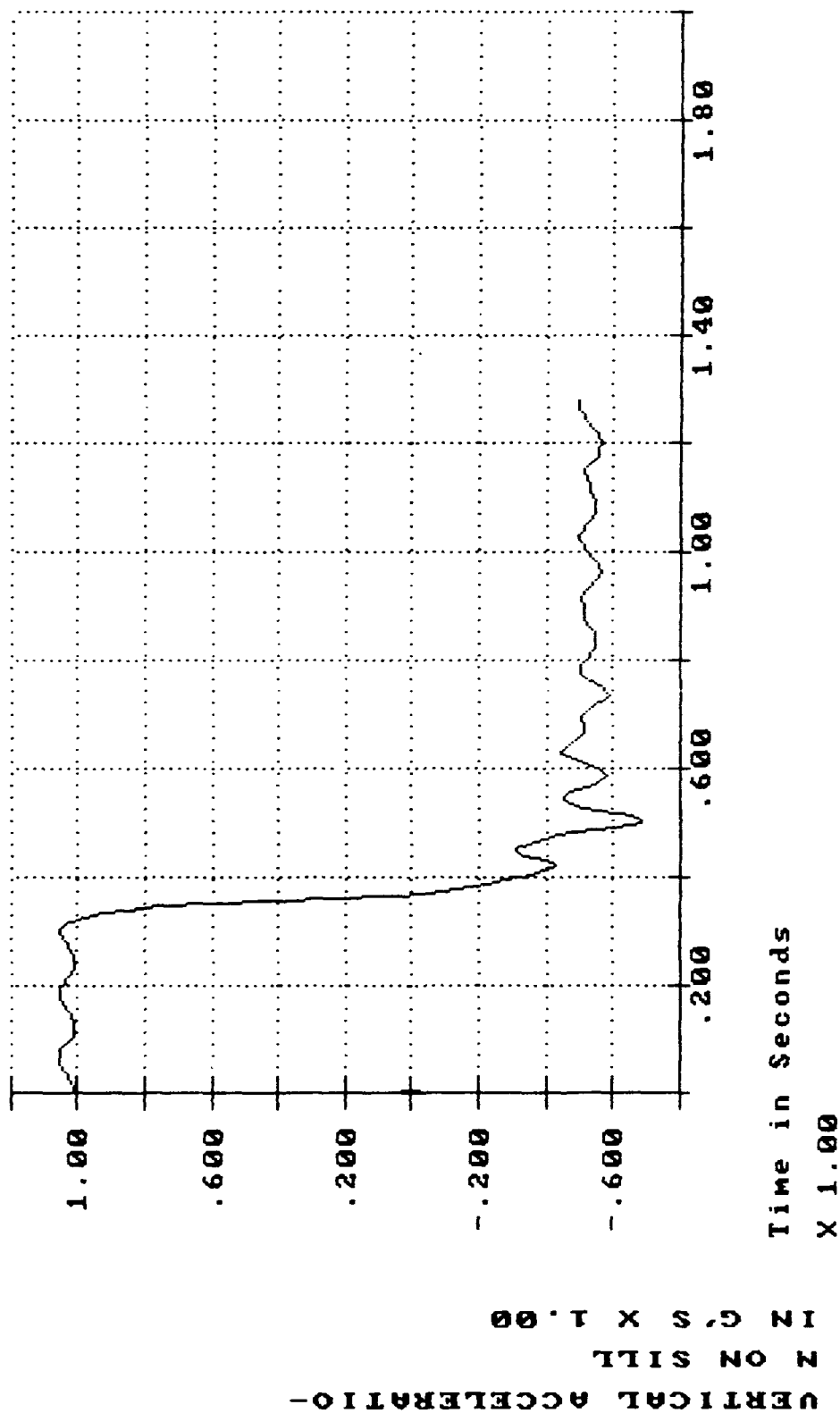
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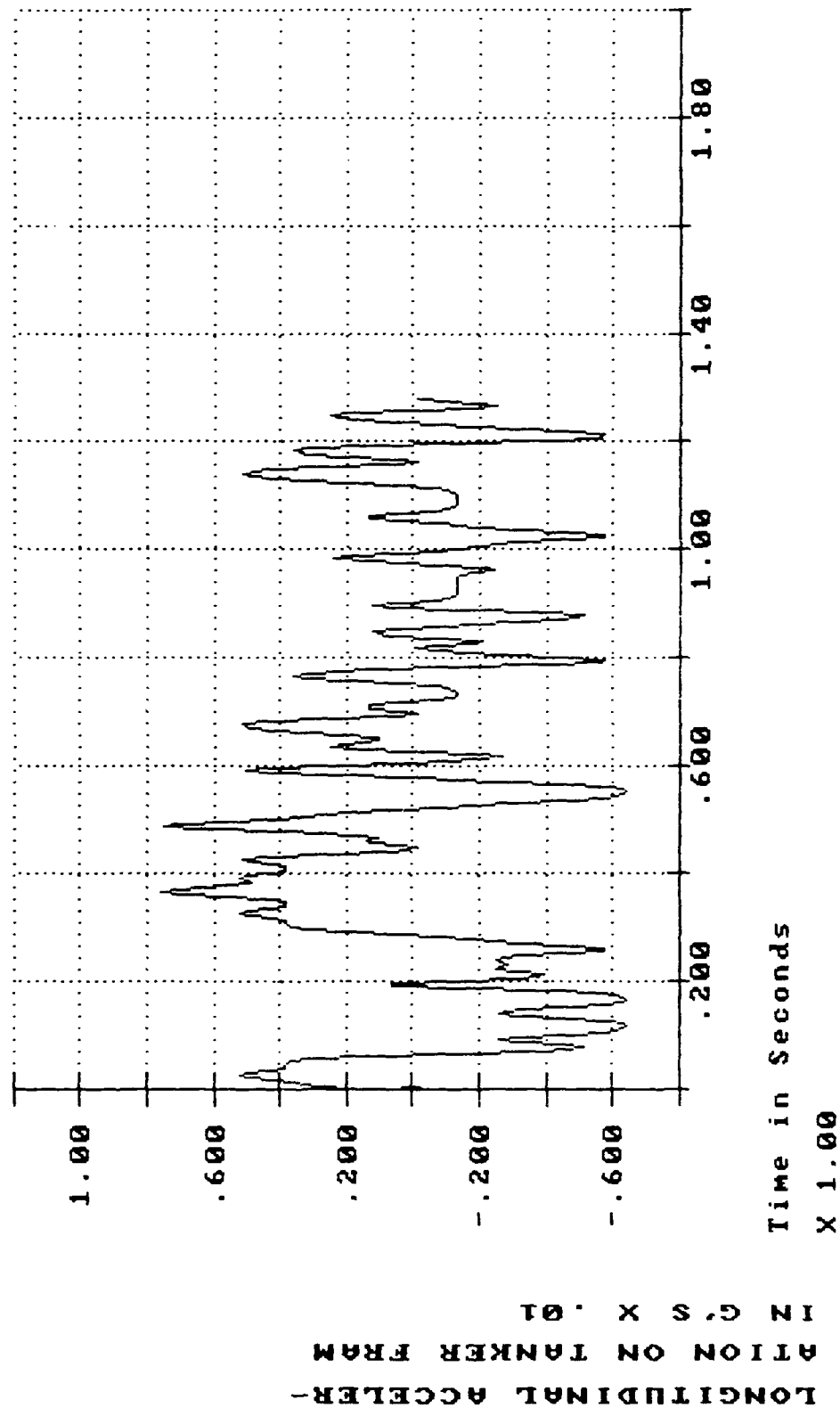
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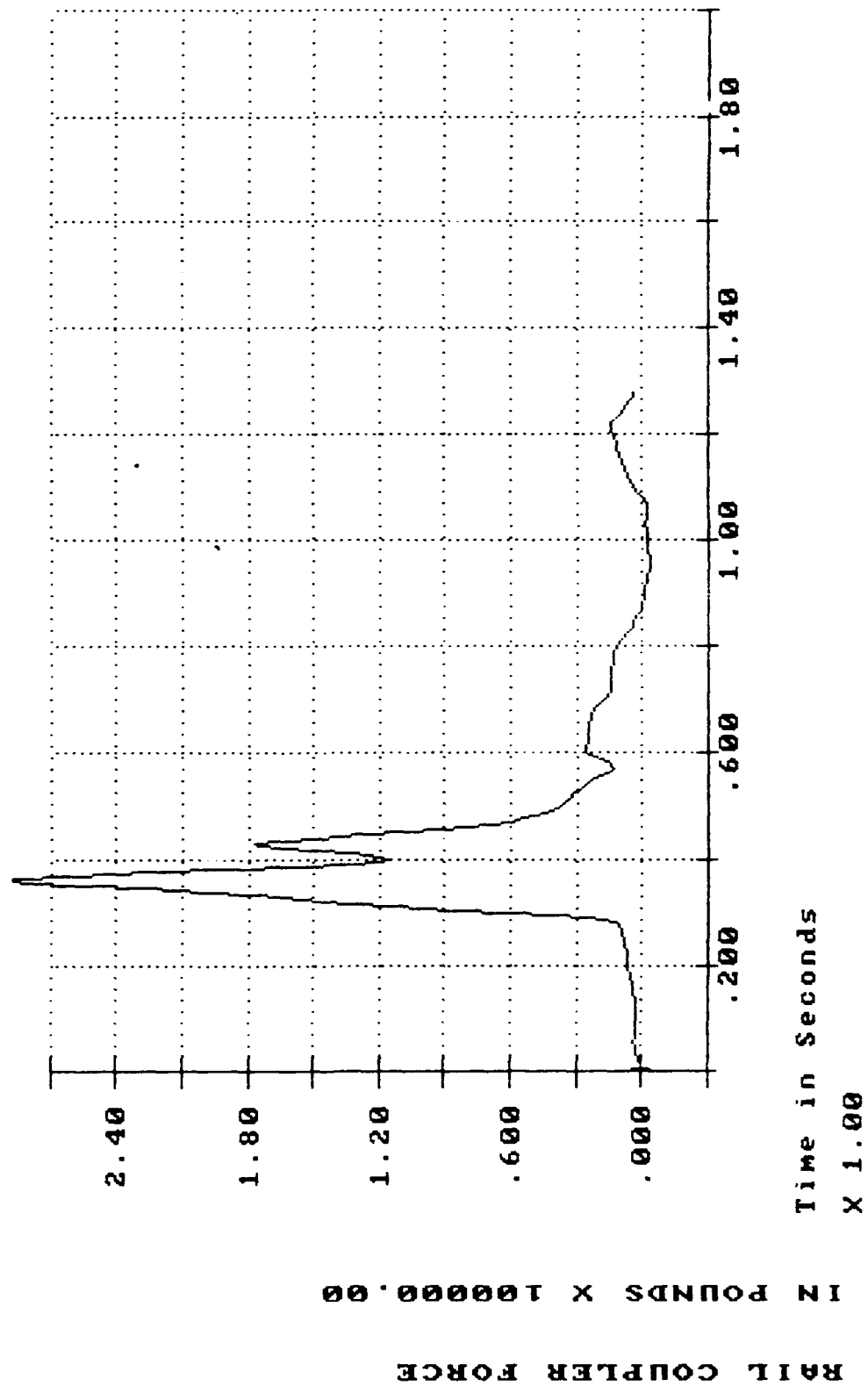
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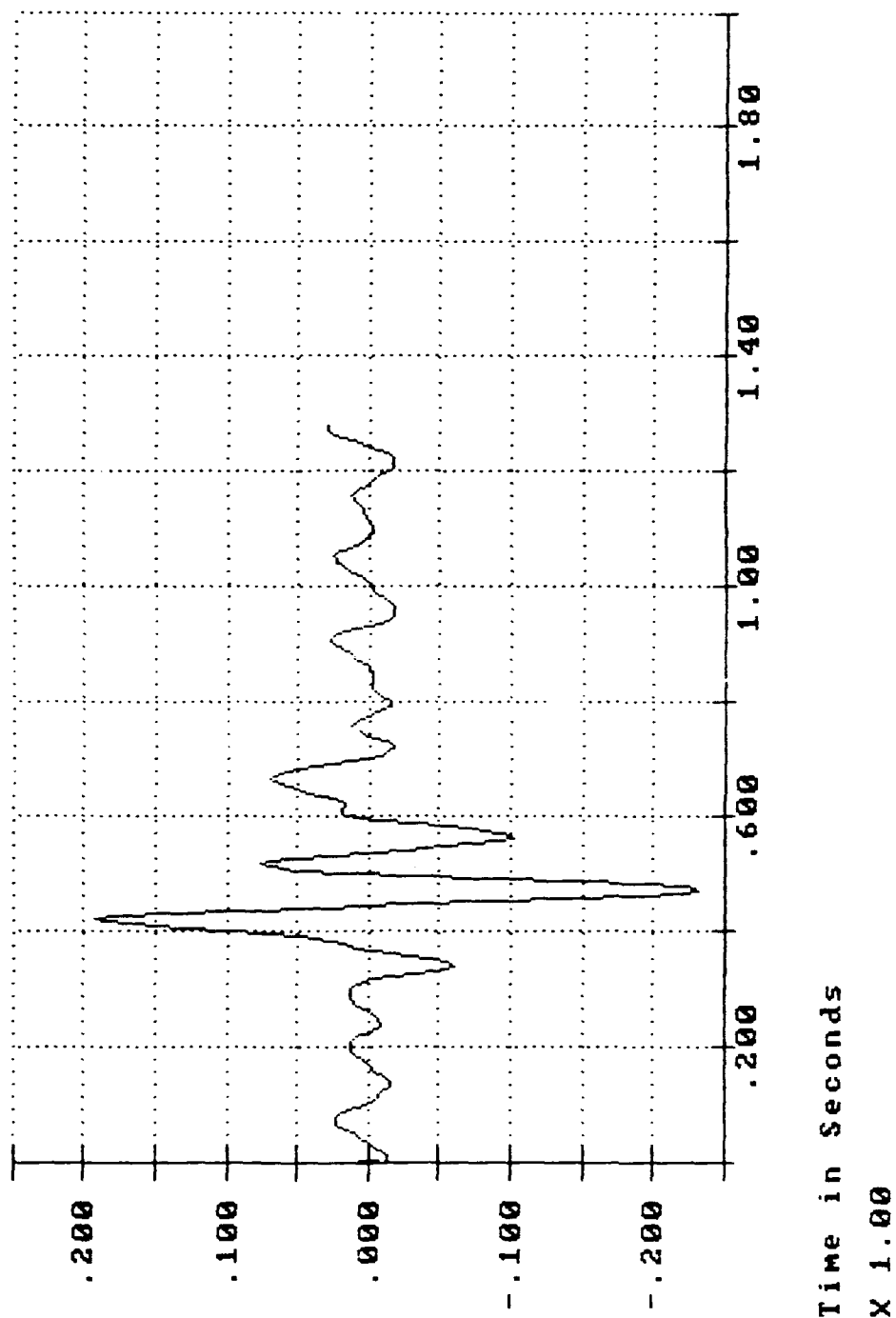
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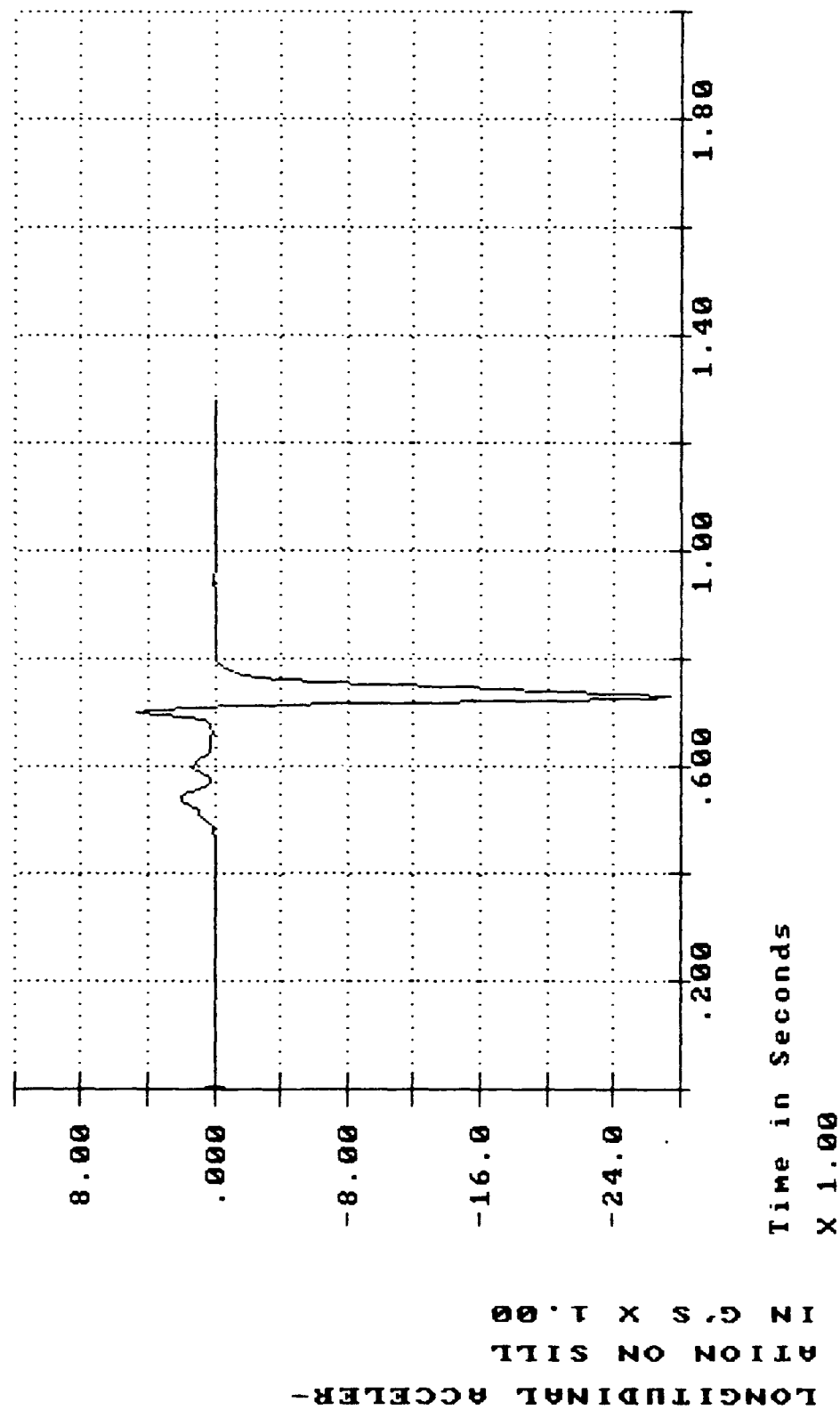
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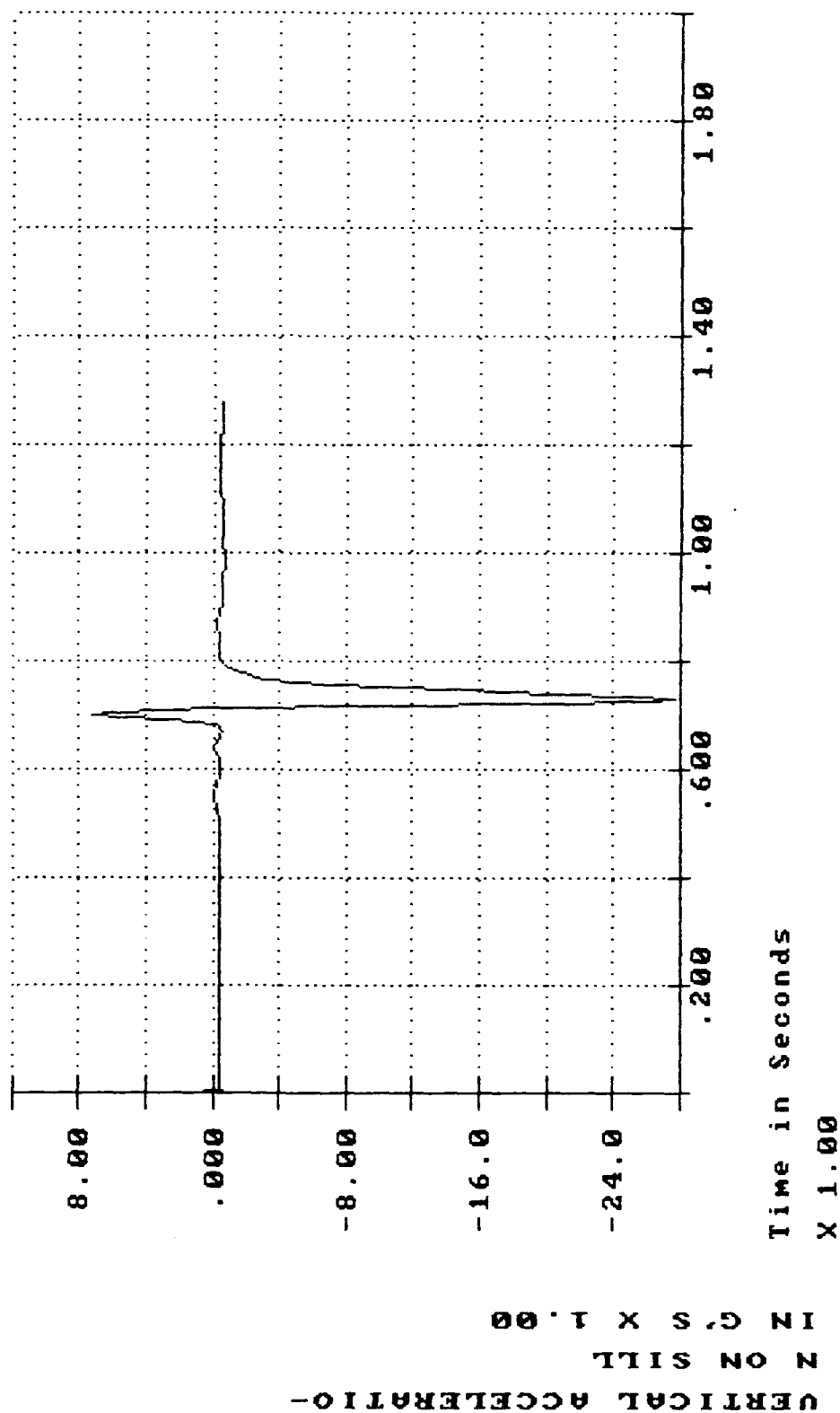
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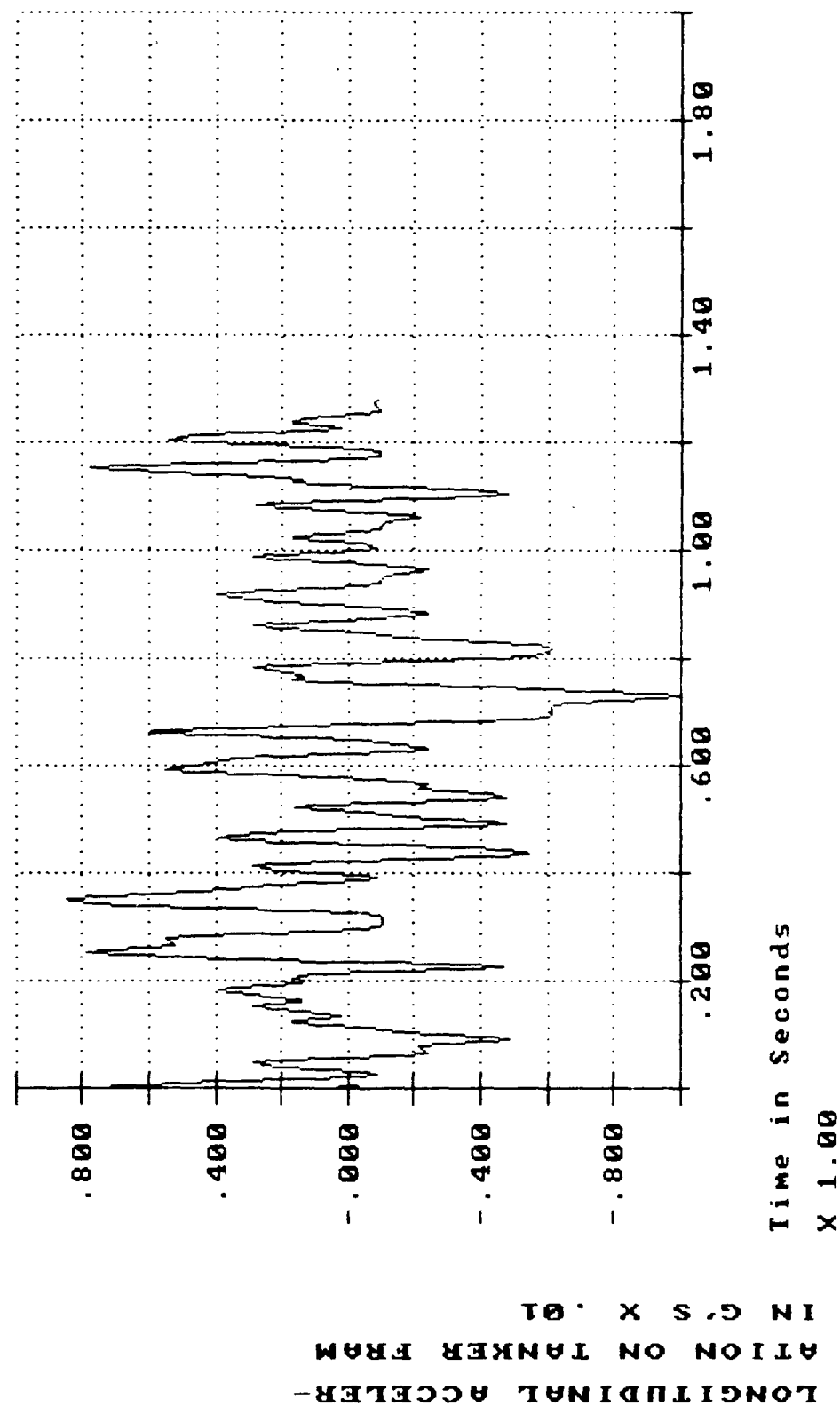
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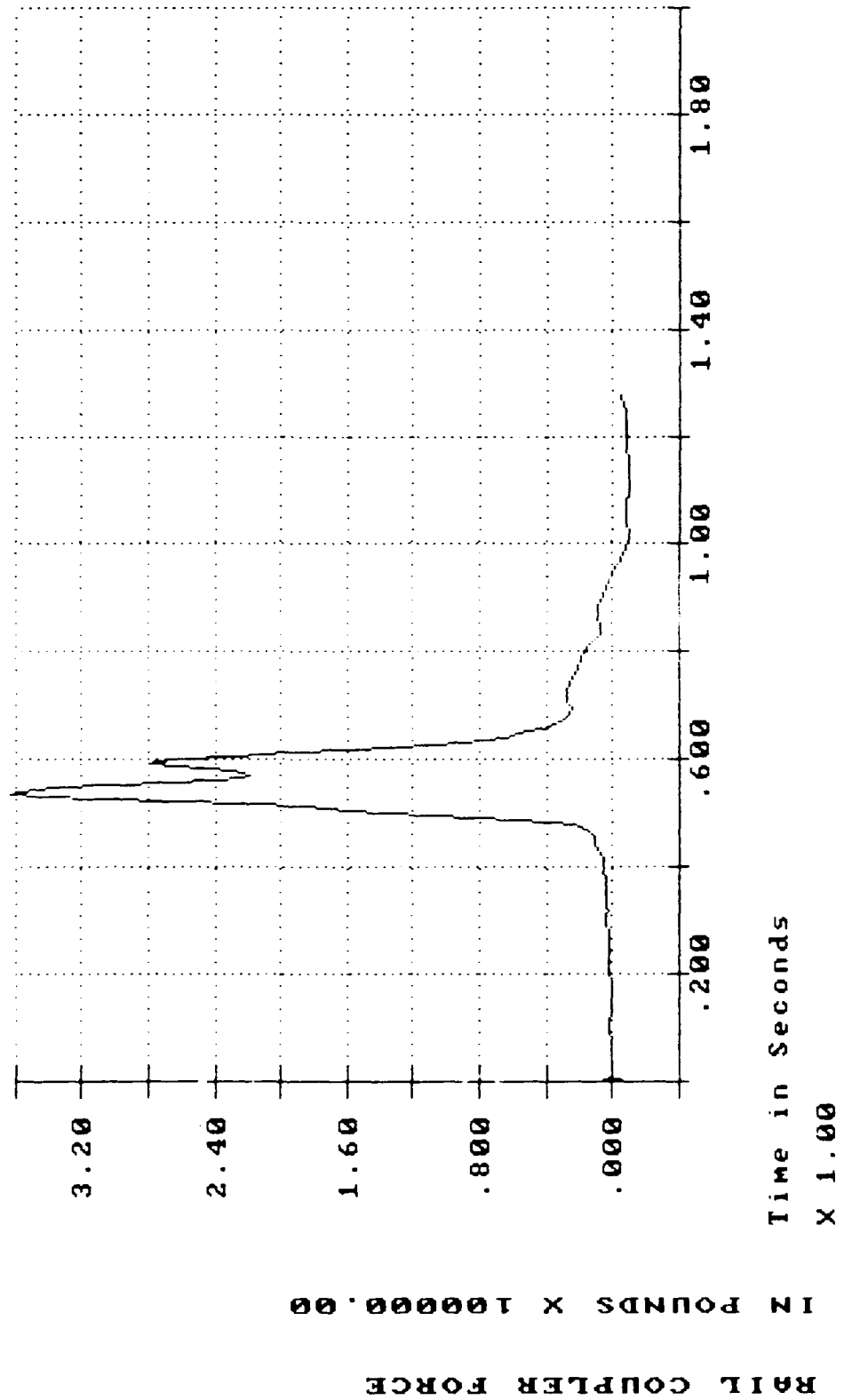
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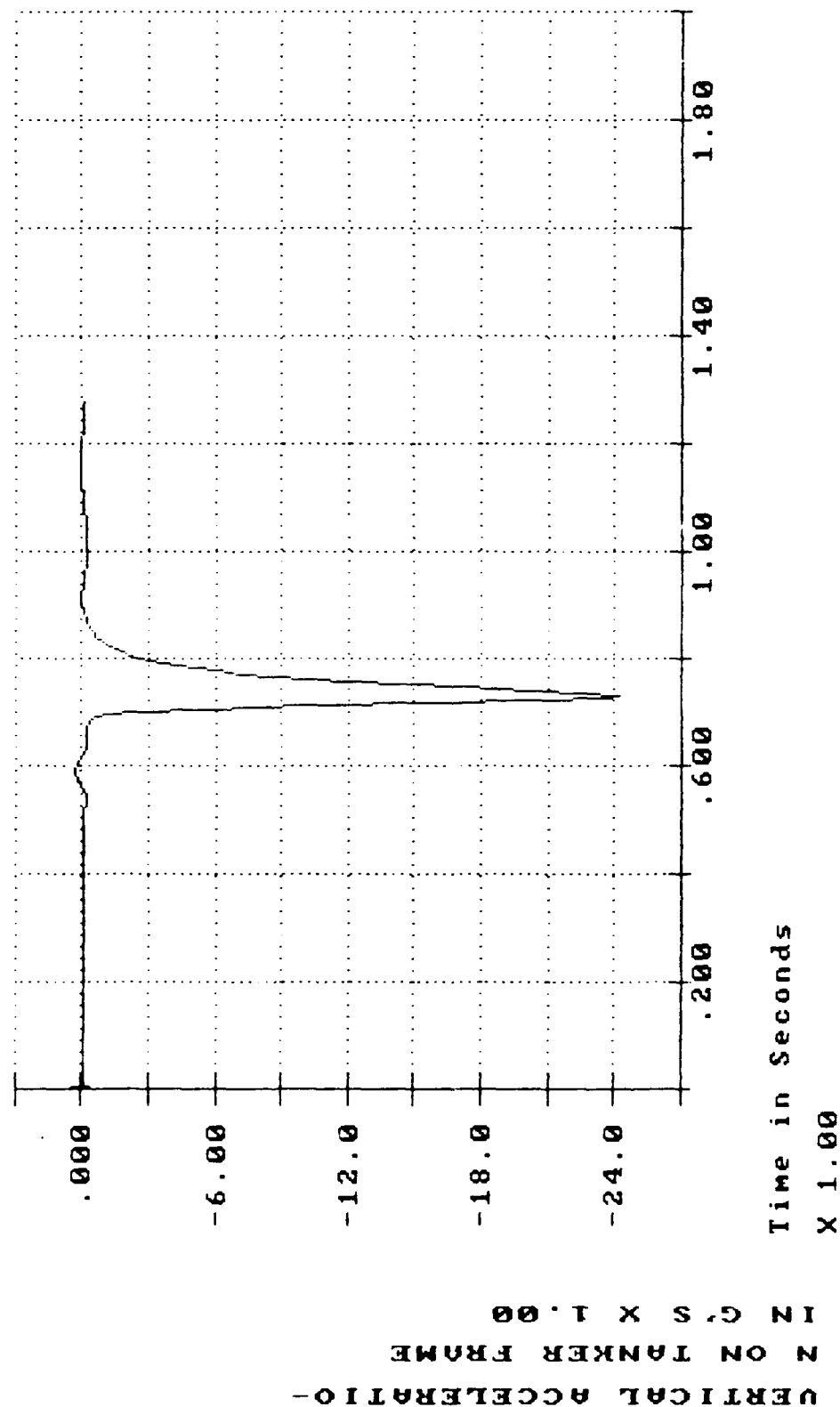
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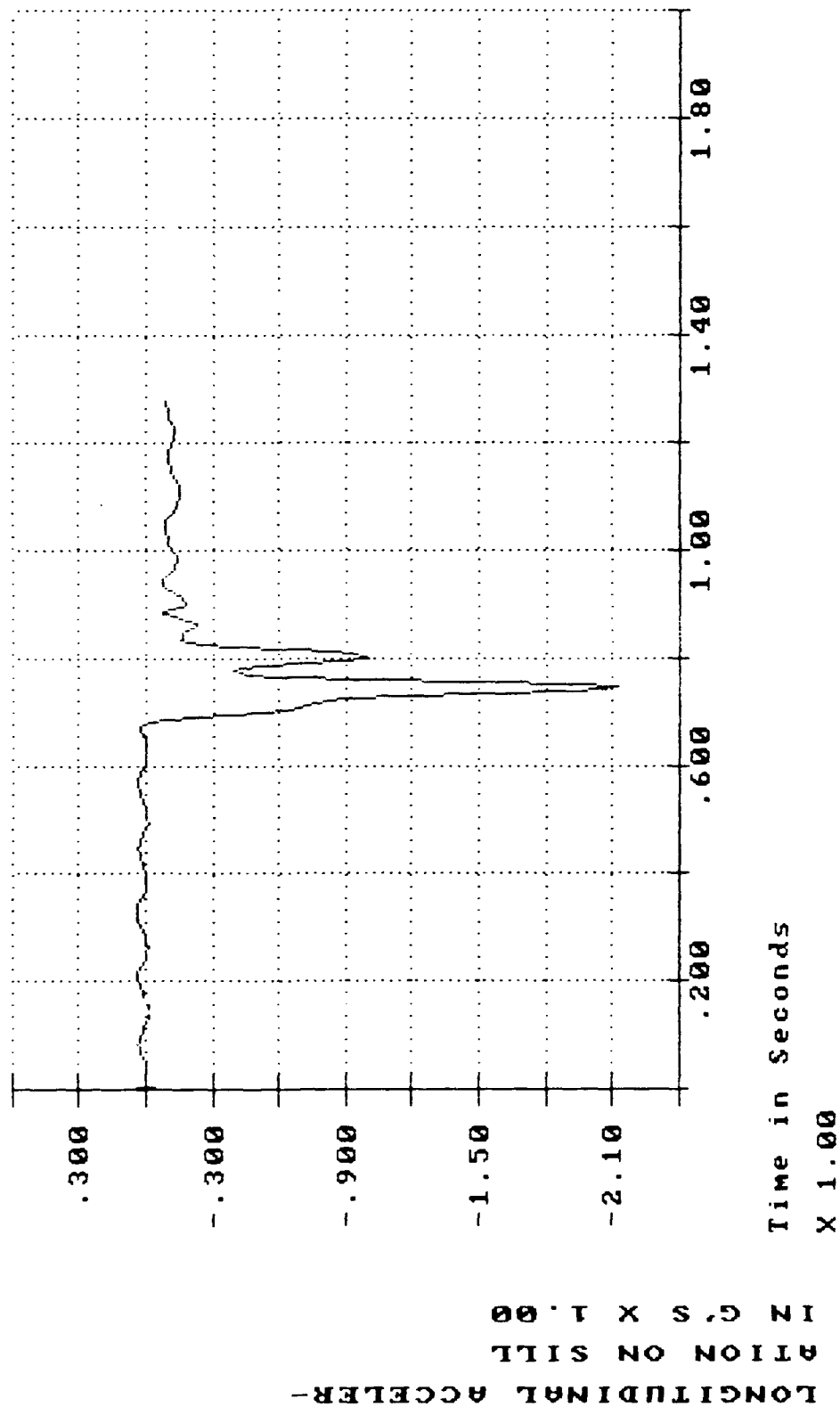
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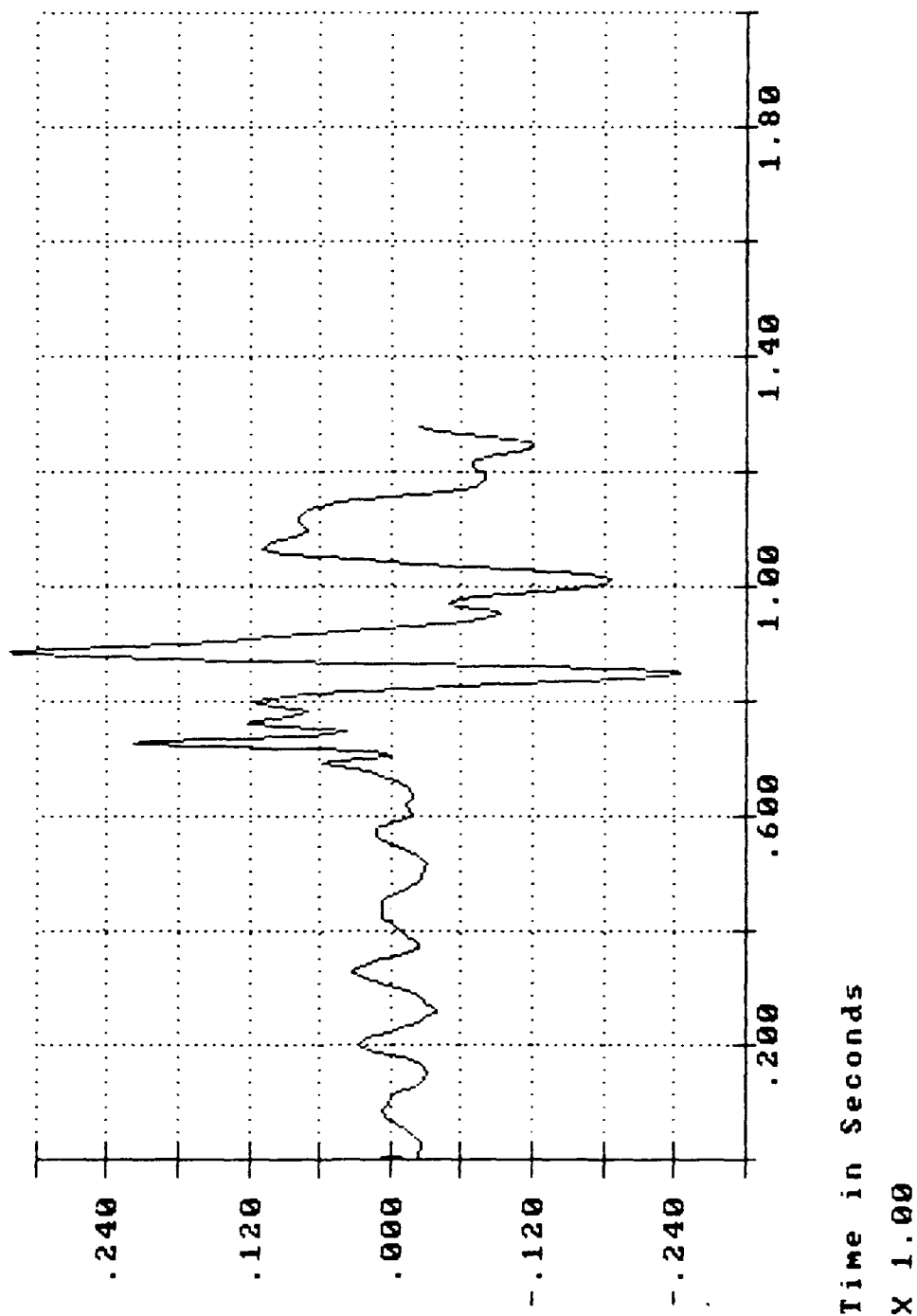
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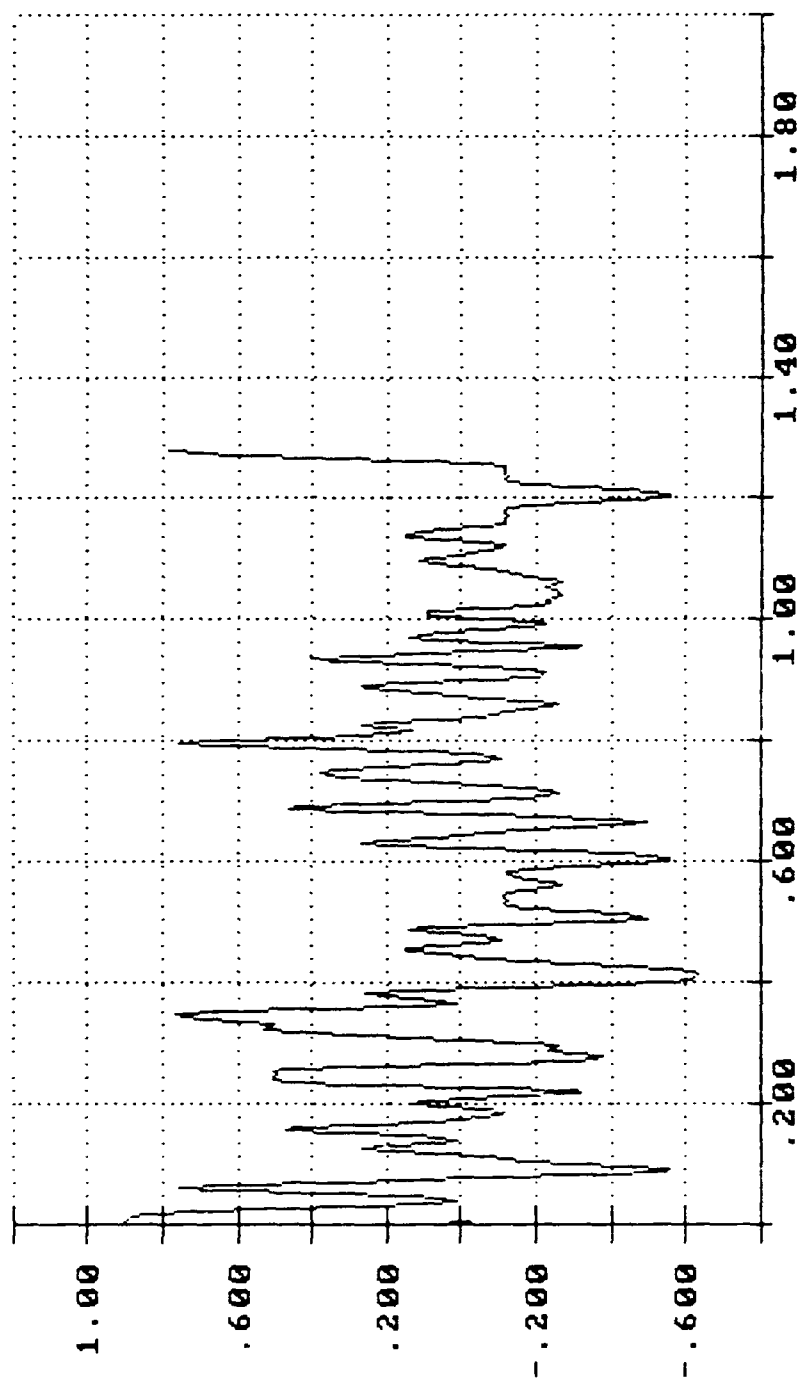
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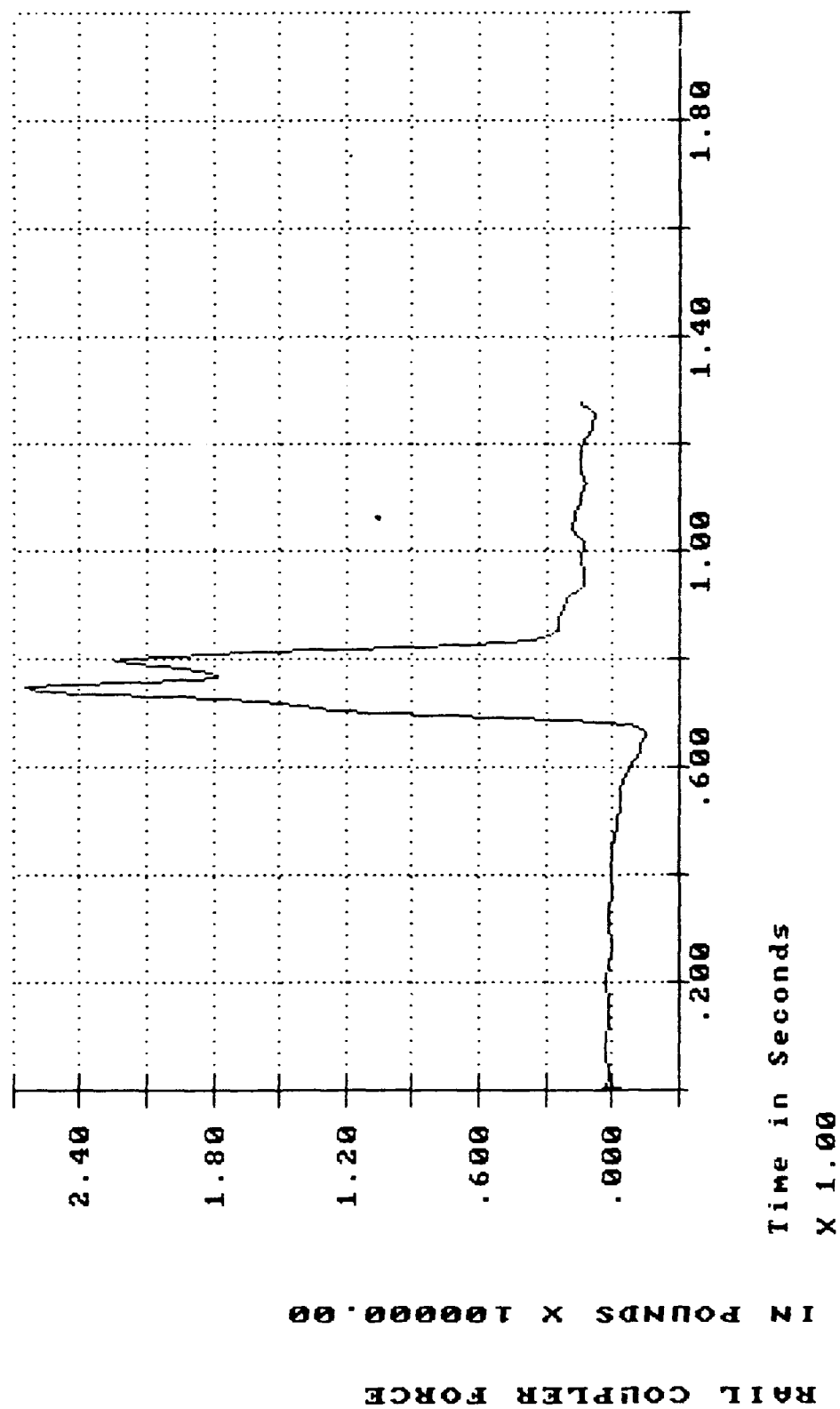
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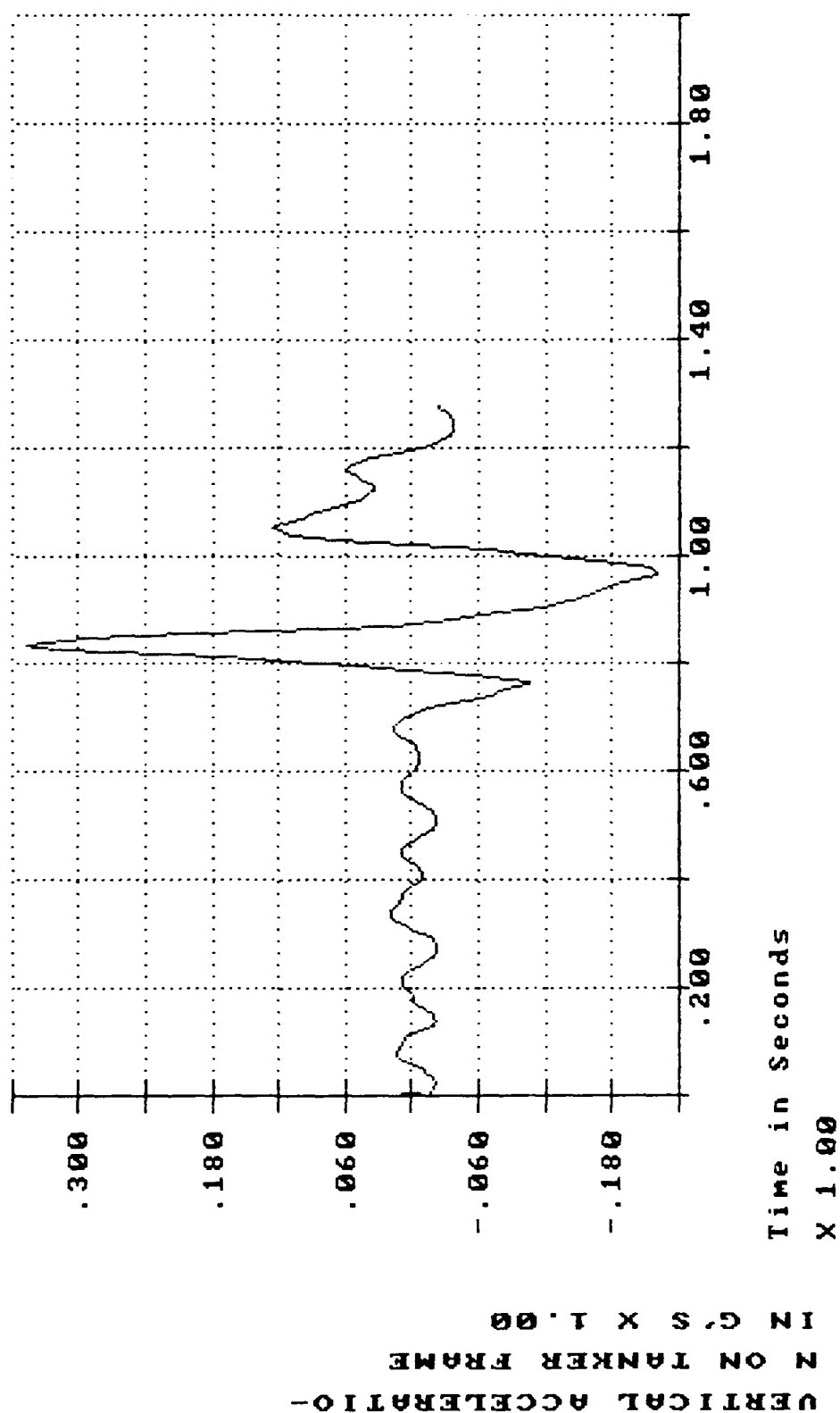


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RESULTS OF THE RAIL IMPACT TEST ON 5000 GALLON TRAILER WITH MAX. CABLES (IMPACT 4)



TEST No. 2 Barnes & Reinecke tiedown procedure with four cables and four axel stands removed.

TEST FLATCAR No. SLS2152 LTWT: 58,200 pounds

LADING and DUNNAGE	WT:	16,200 pounds
TOTAL SPECIMEN	WT:	74,400 pounds
ANVIL (5 cars)	WT:	220,000 pounds

IMPACT No.	End Struck	Velocity	Remarks
1.	Forward	4.45	1/2' forward movement at stanchion
2.	Forward	6.55	3/8' forward movement at stanchion
3.	Forward	9.25	1/4' forward movement at stanchion
4.	Reverse	8.28	3/4' reverse movement at stanchion

RESULTS OF THE RAIL IMPACT TEST ON
5000 GALLON FUEL TRAILER WITH FEWER CABLES
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TAPE CHANNEL 3 : LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.45	1.02	101.07	.07
IMPACT 2	6.55	6.62	52.18	.21
IMPACT 3	8.25	-16.81	38.95	.38
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.28	9.12	50.37	.27

TAPE CHANNEL 4 : VERTICAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.45	.19	54.23	.01
IMPACT 2	6.55	9.23	51.23	.29
IMPACT 3	8.25	-16.66	38.20	.37
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.28	12.94	50.93	.38

TAPE CHANNEL 5 : LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON TANKER FRAME

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.45	-.01	50.35	.00
IMPACT 2	6.55	.01	40.28	.00
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IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.28	.01	39.14	.00

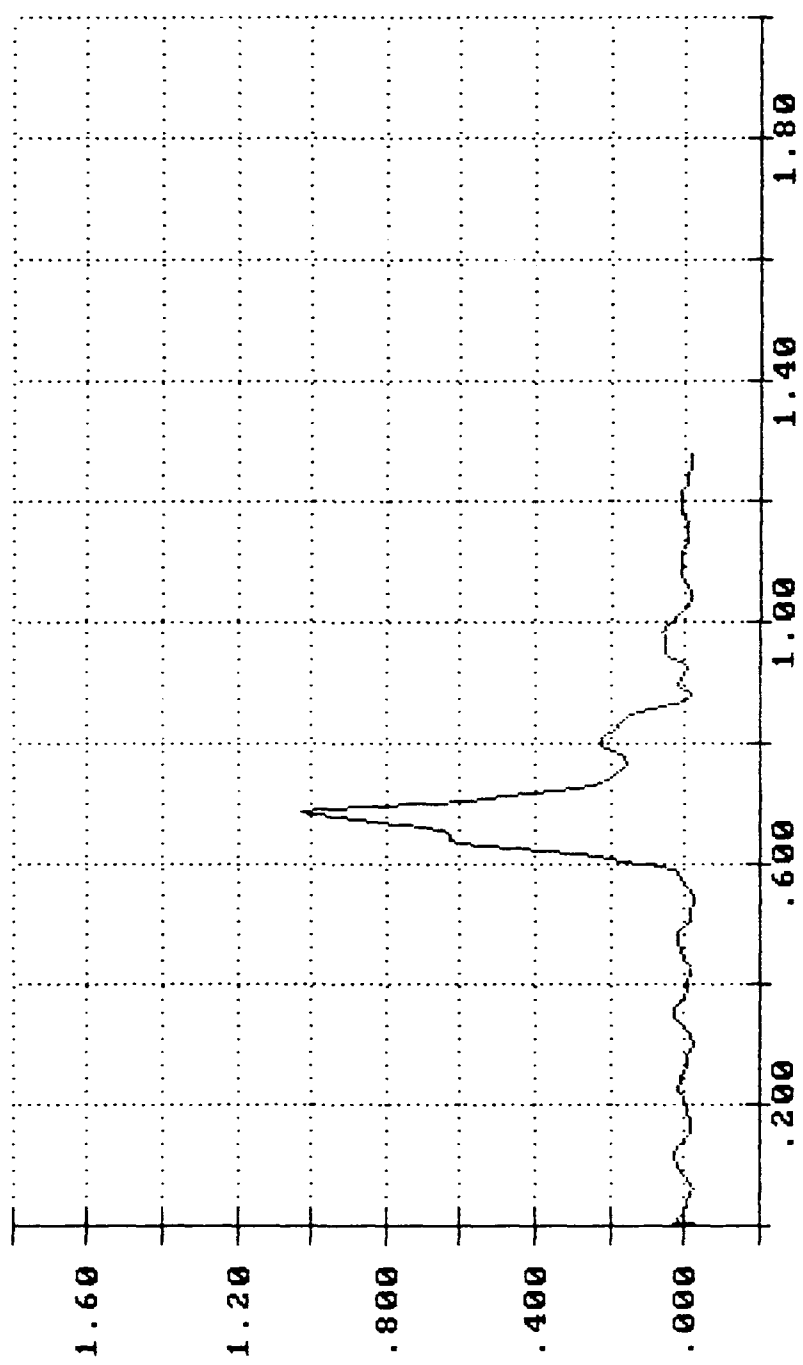
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TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE POUNDS	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA POUNDS-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.45	254332.03	170.29	25160.77
IMPACT 2	6.55	254207.44	143.04	25671.92
IMPACT 3	8.25	379753.56	118.51	29991.30
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.28	314786.78	84.01	20060.74

TAPE CHANNEL 7 : VERTICAL ACCELERATION ON TANKER FRAME

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G S-SECONDS
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IMPACT 1	4.45	.36	74.57	.02
IMPACT 2	6.55	-.68	72.56	.03
IMPACT 3	8.25	-14.69	68.46	.63
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.28	-.39	56.15	.02

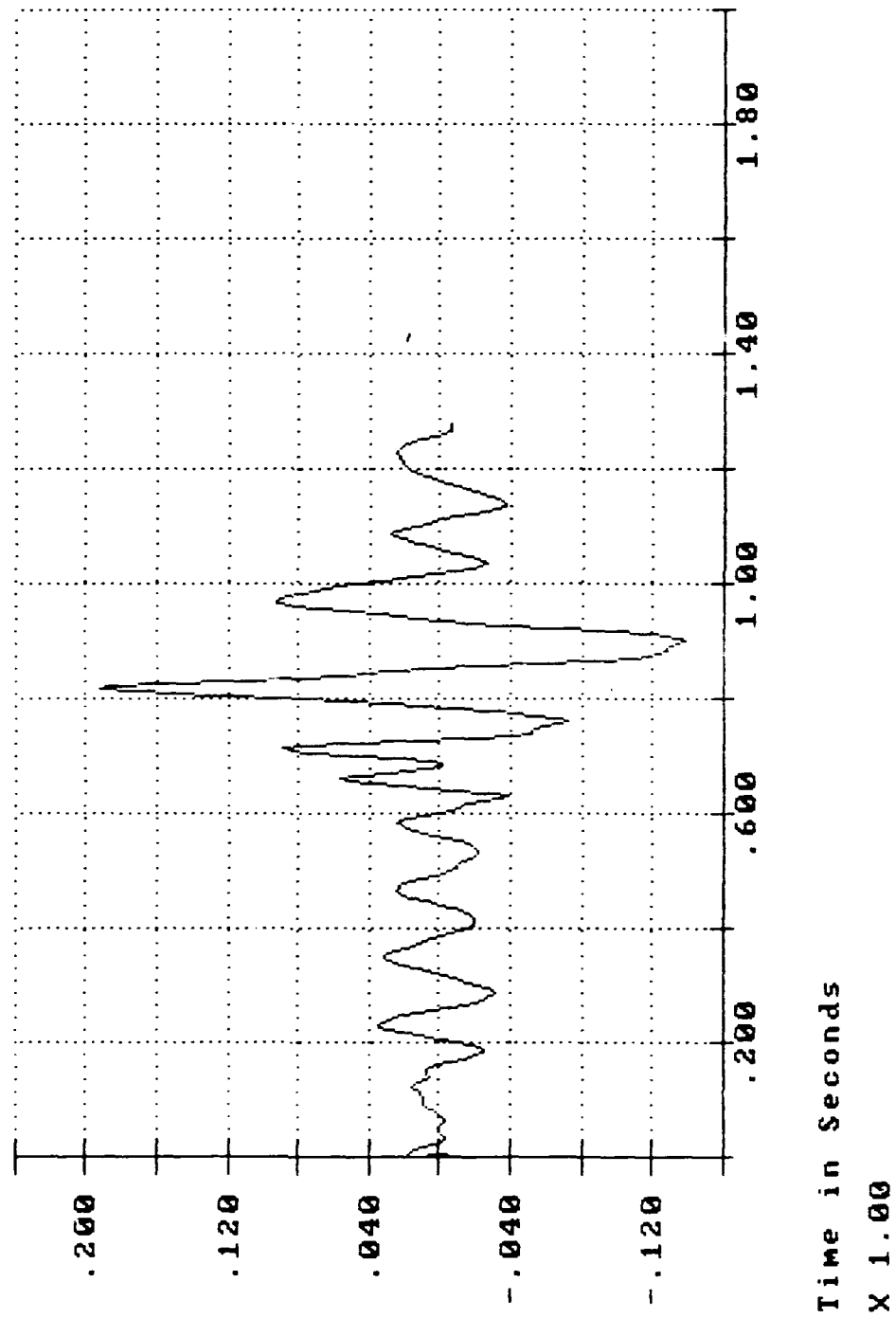
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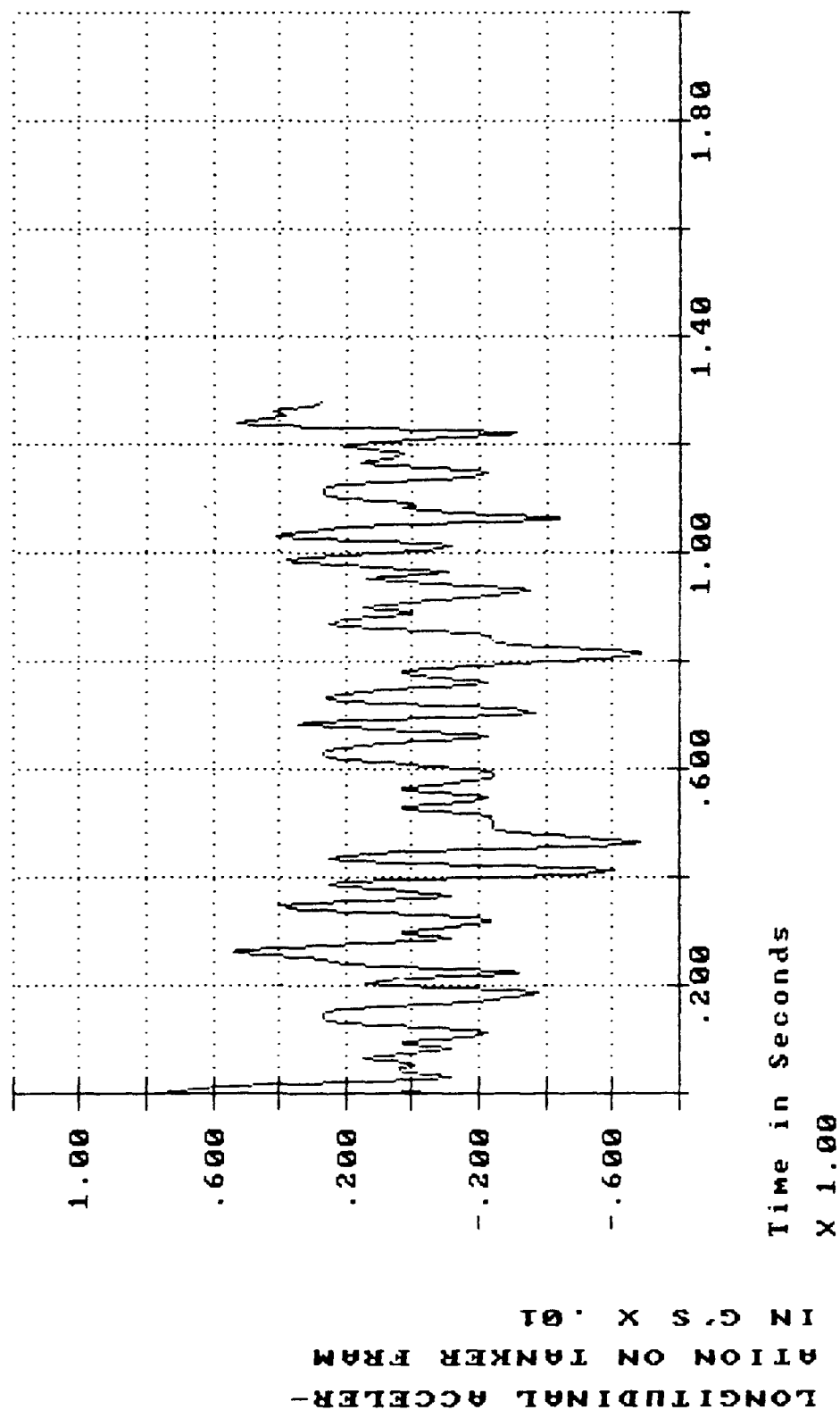
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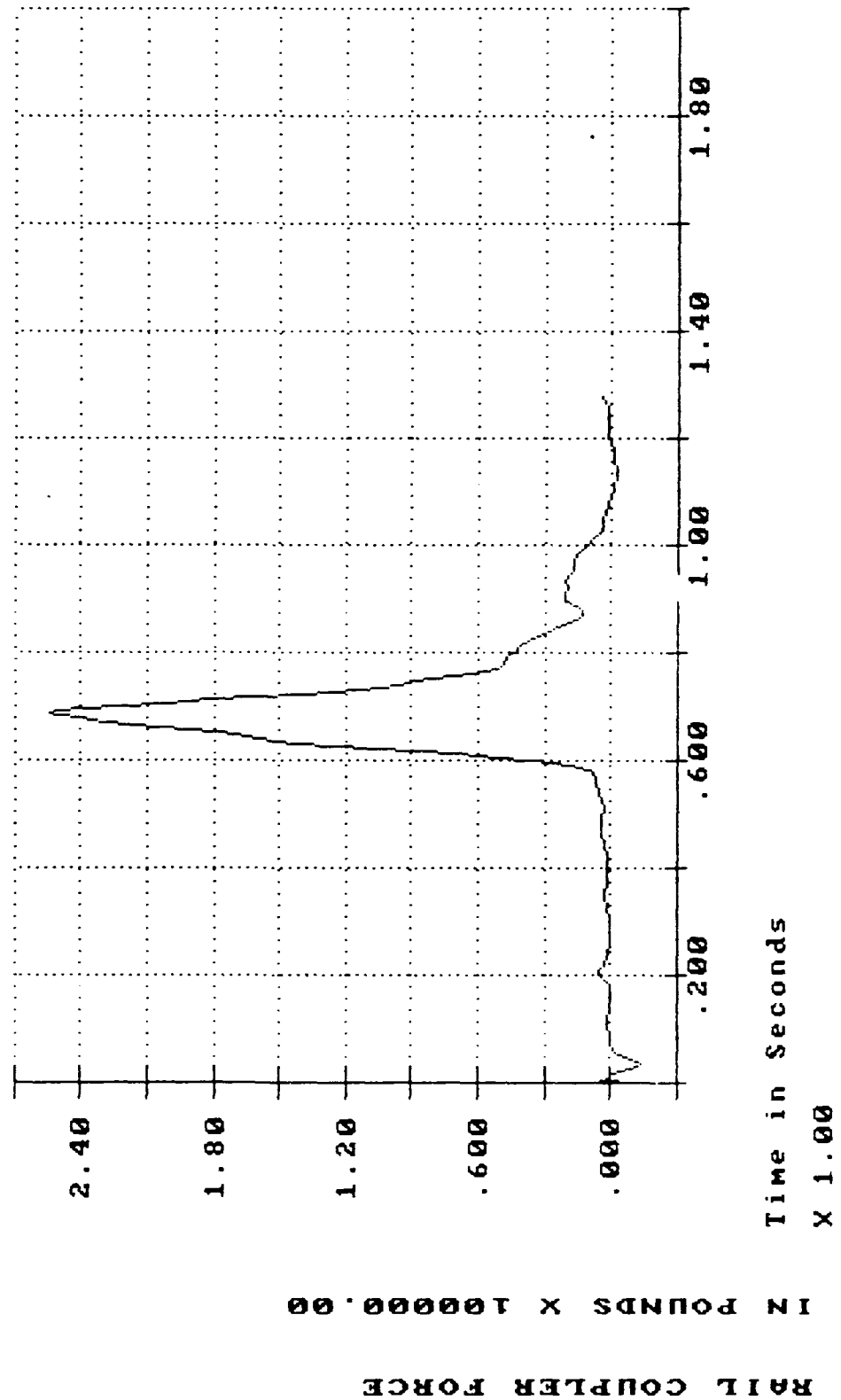
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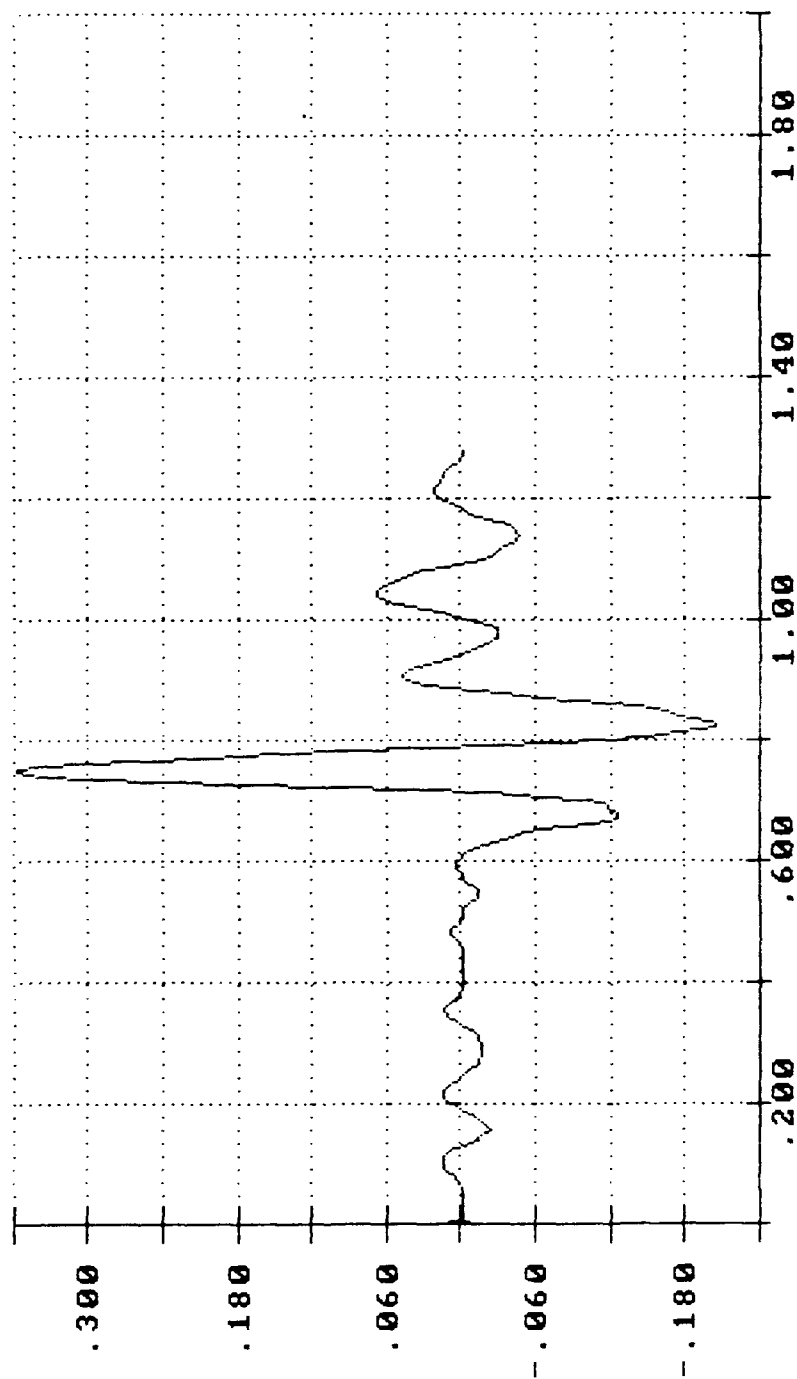
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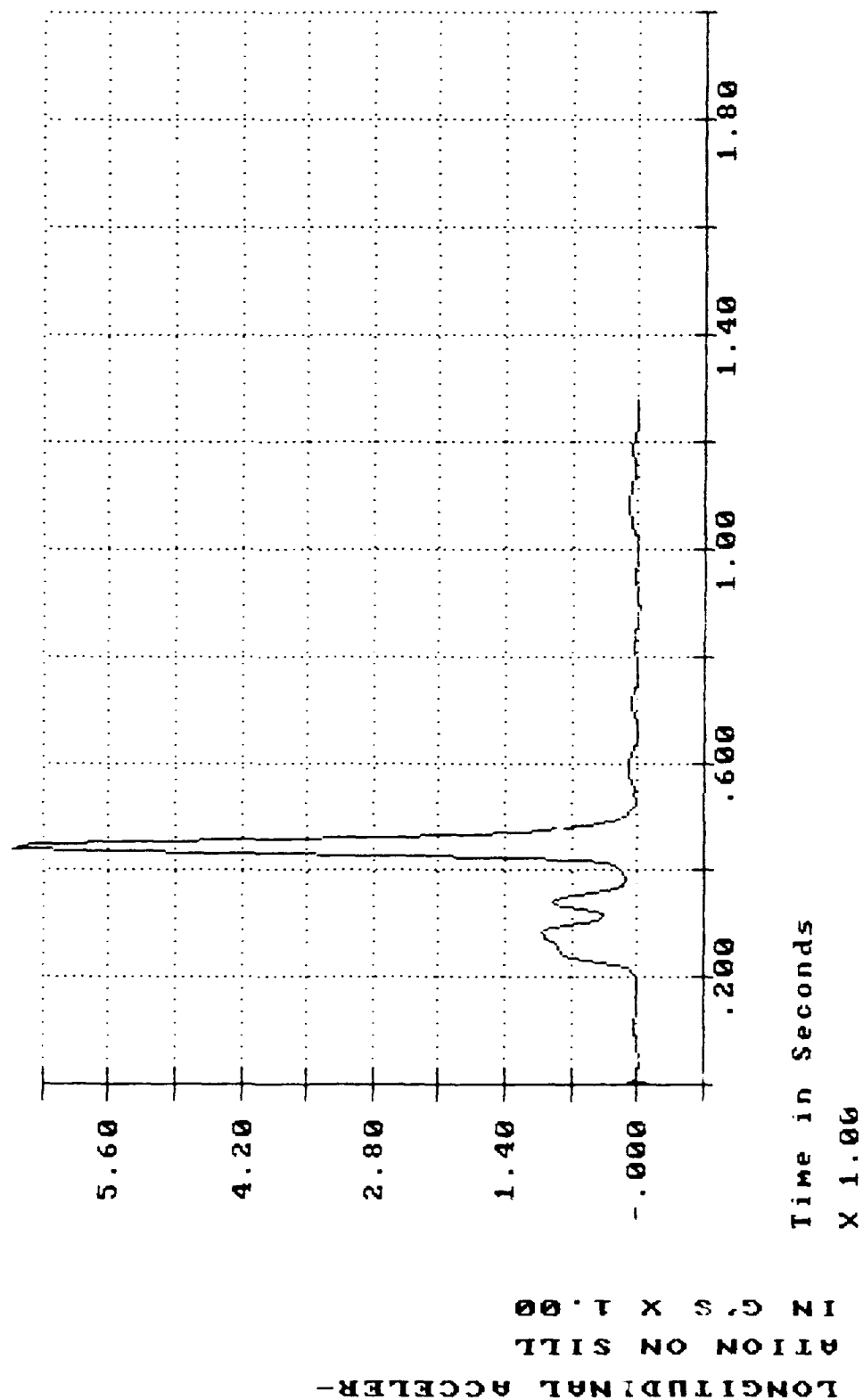
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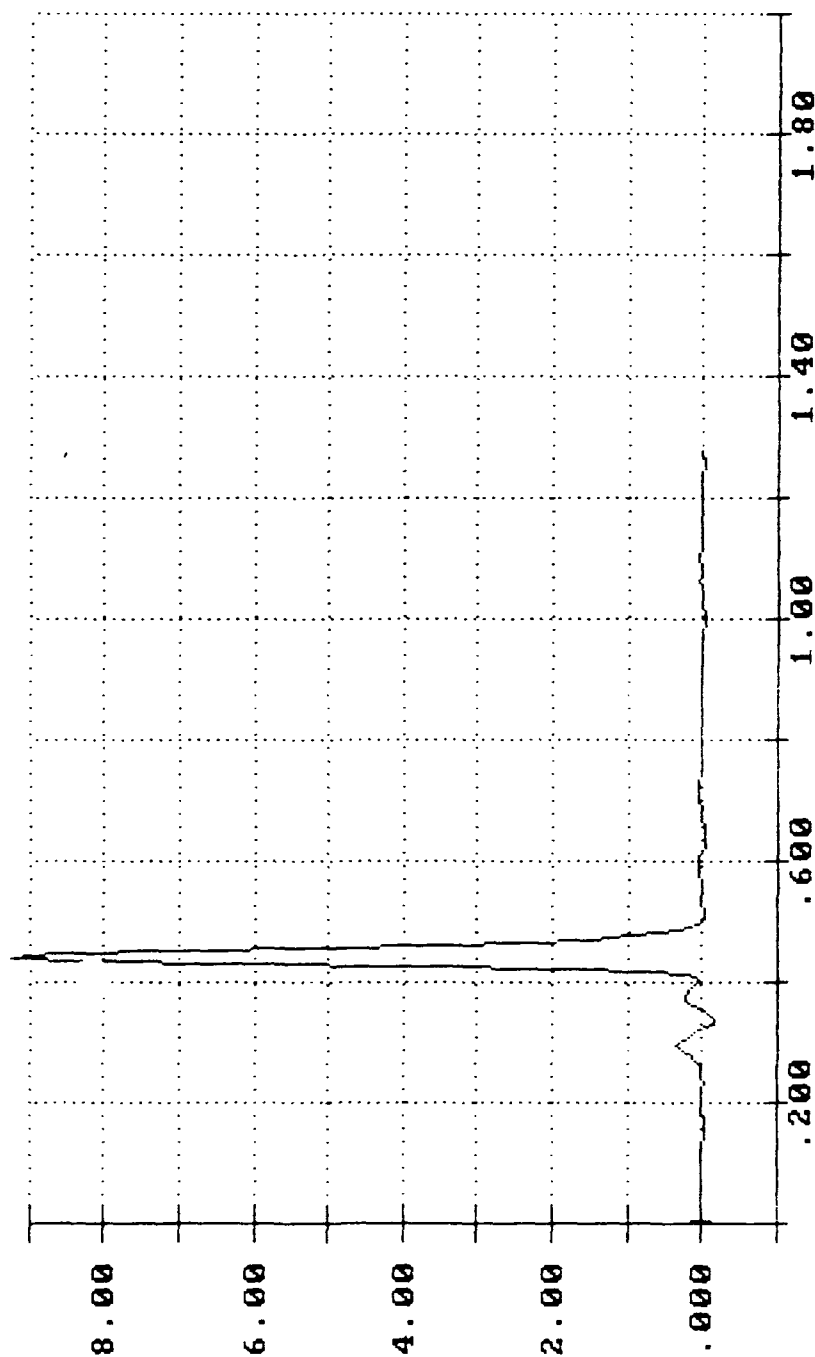
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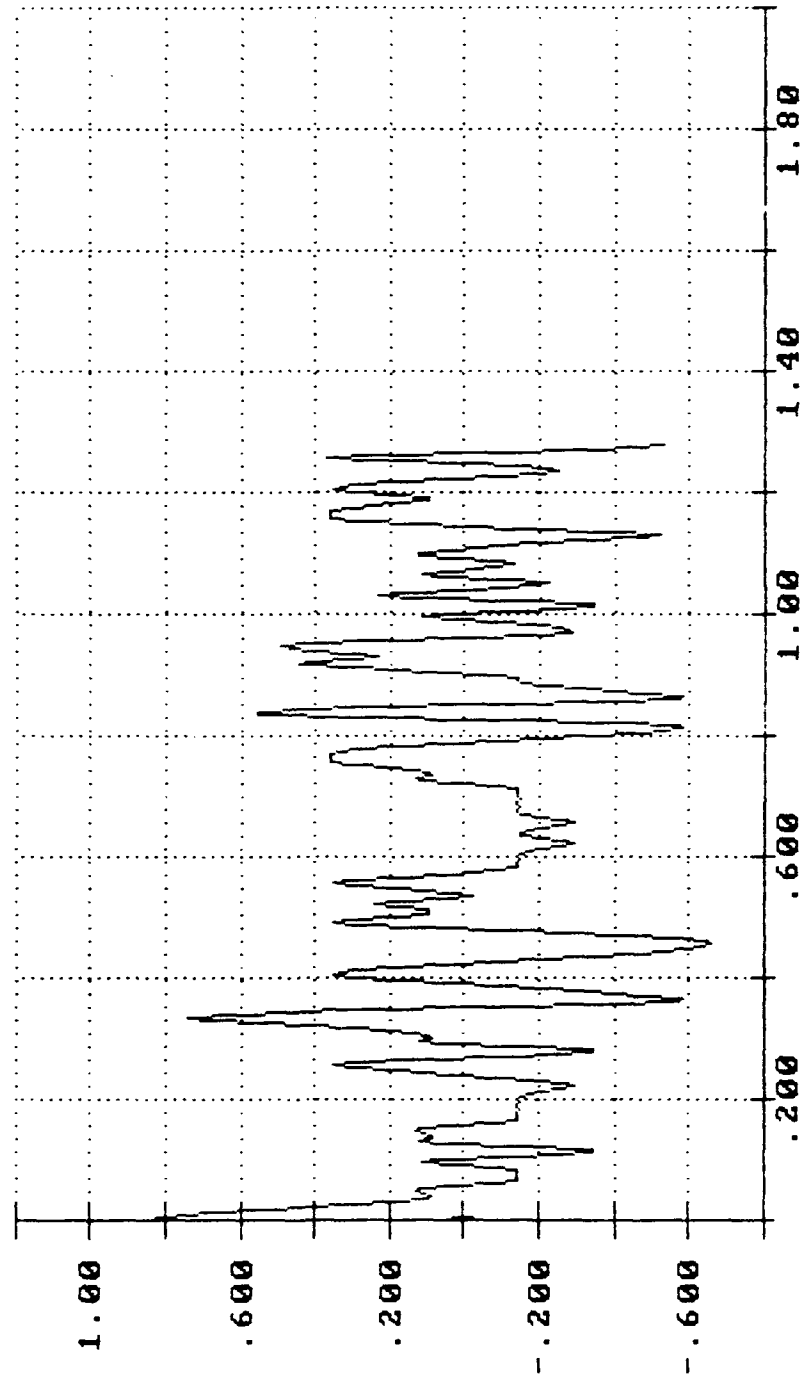
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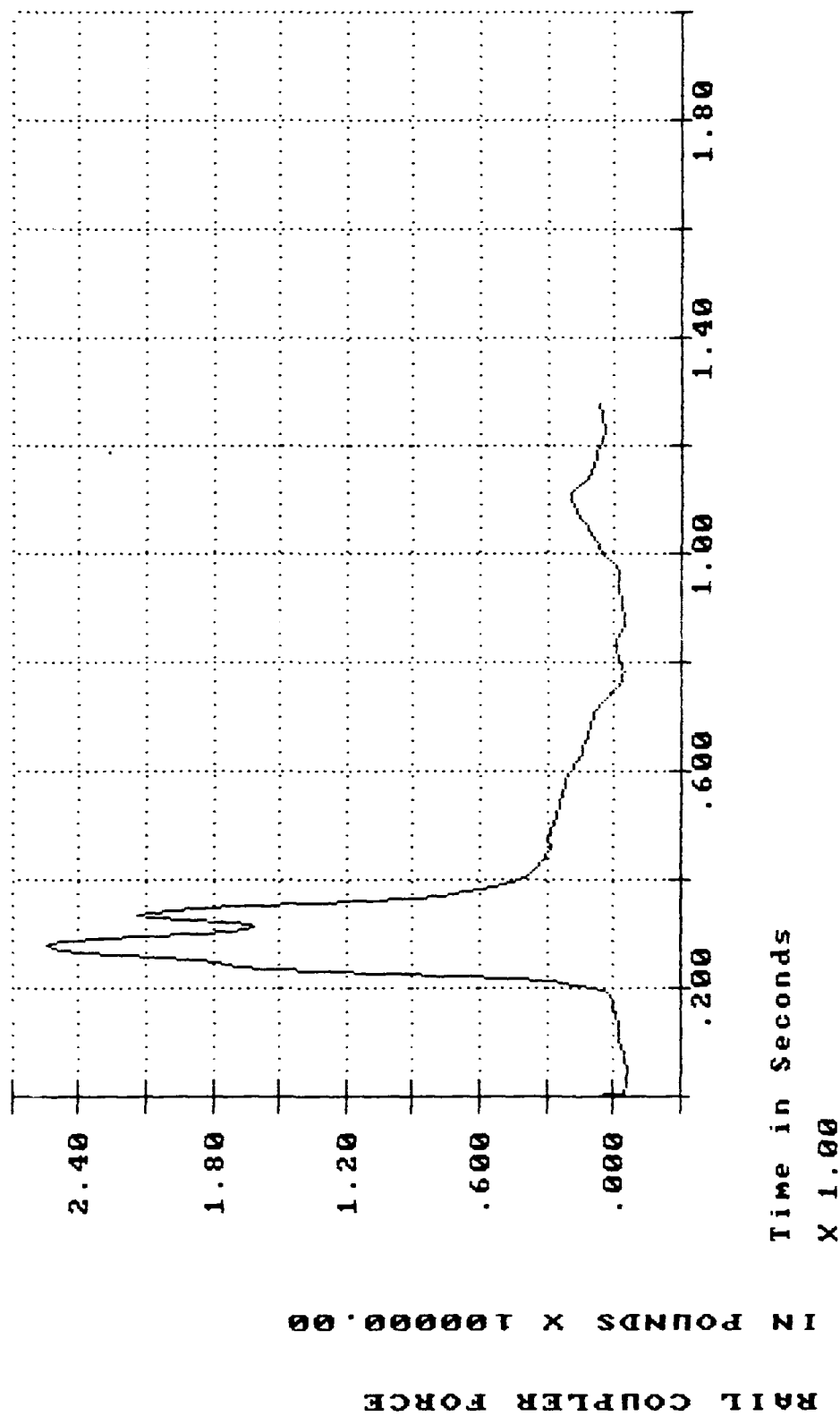
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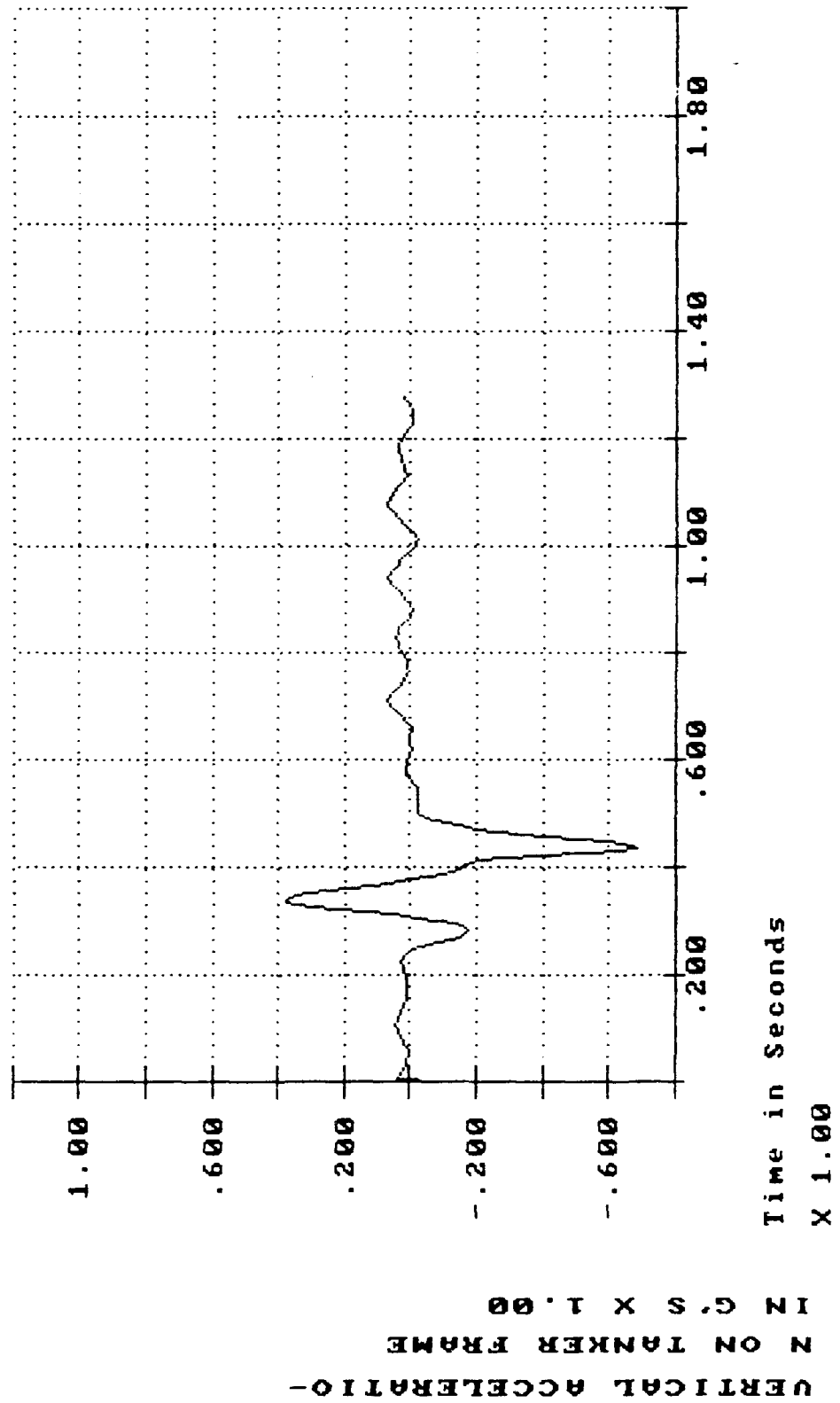
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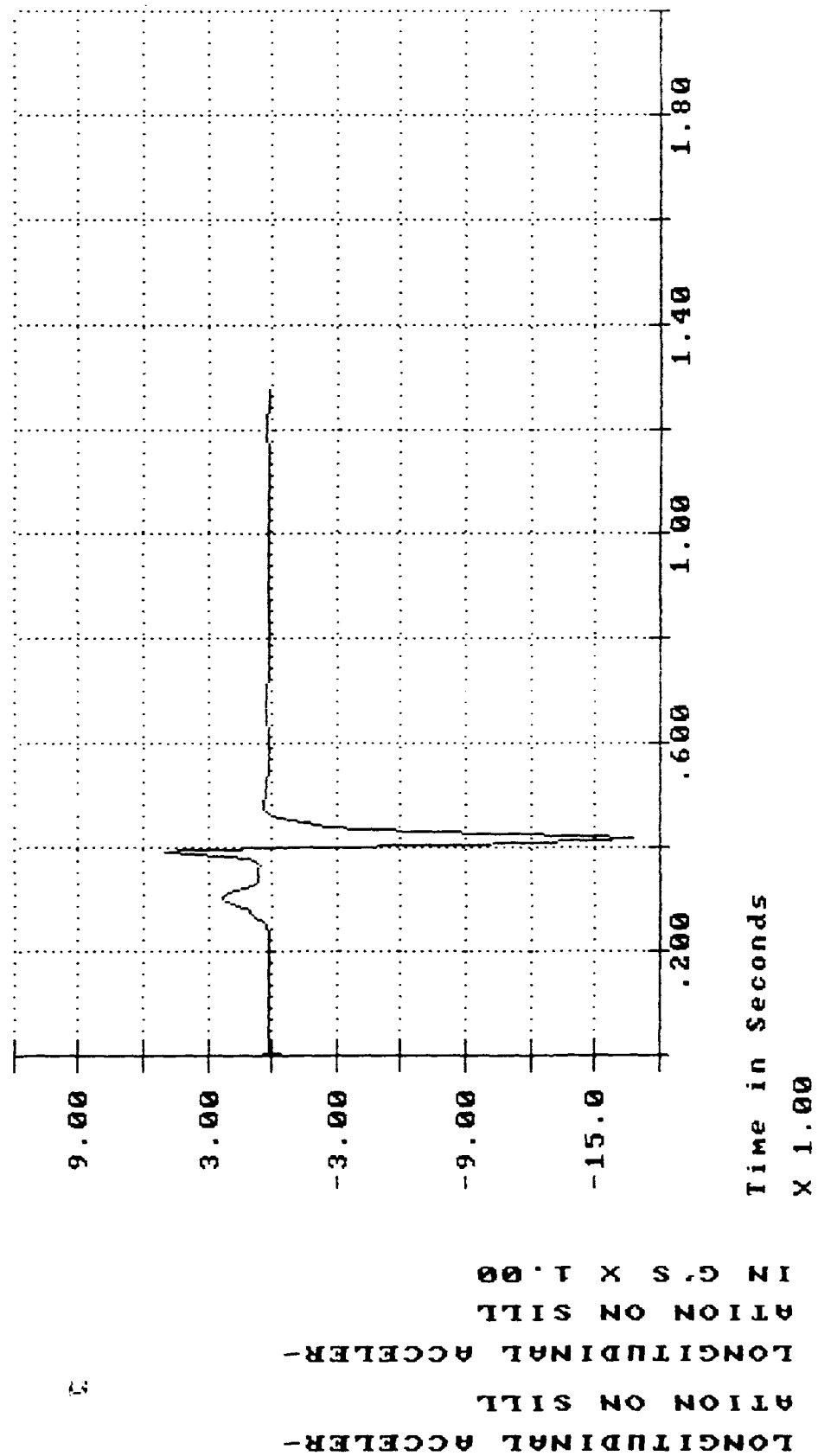
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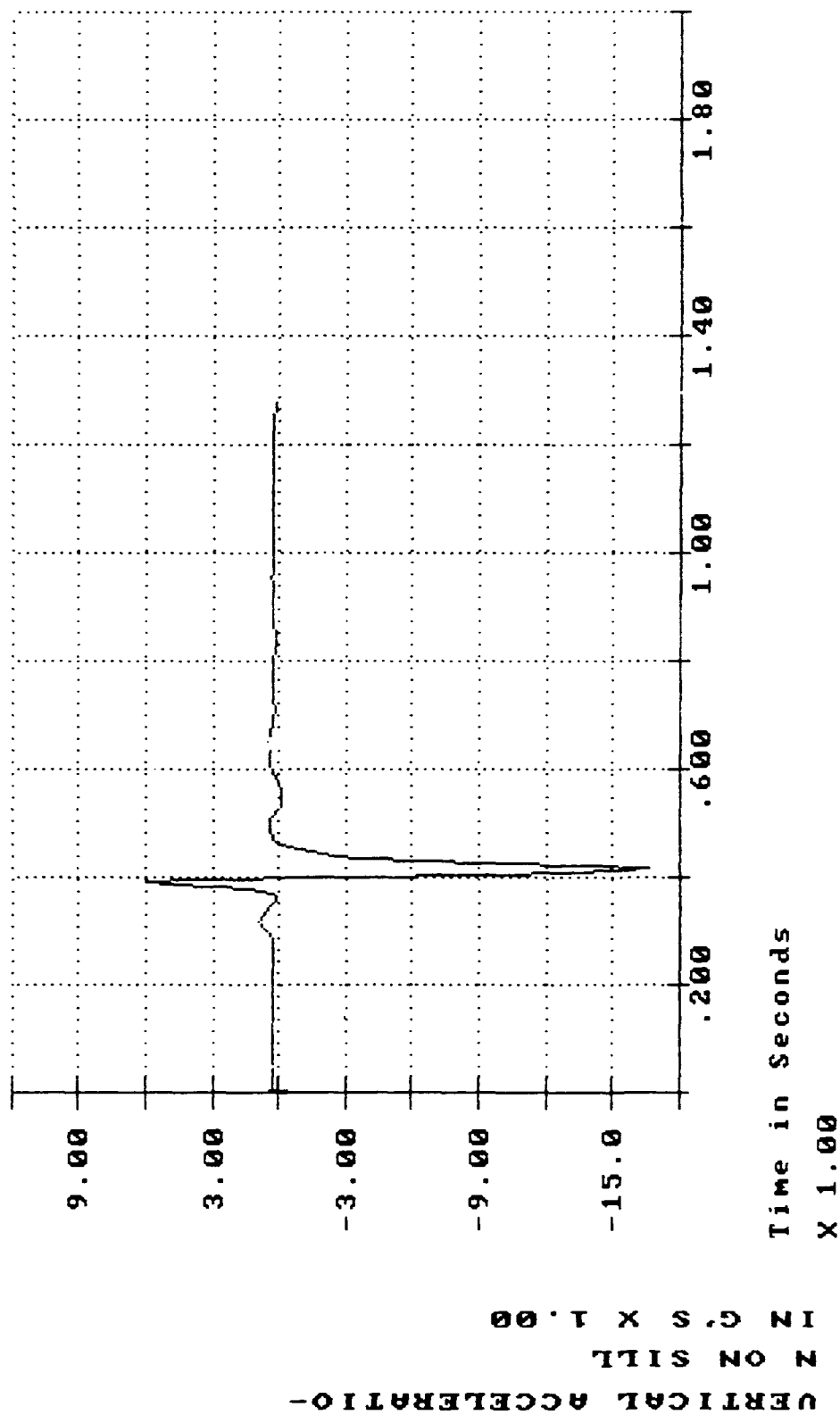
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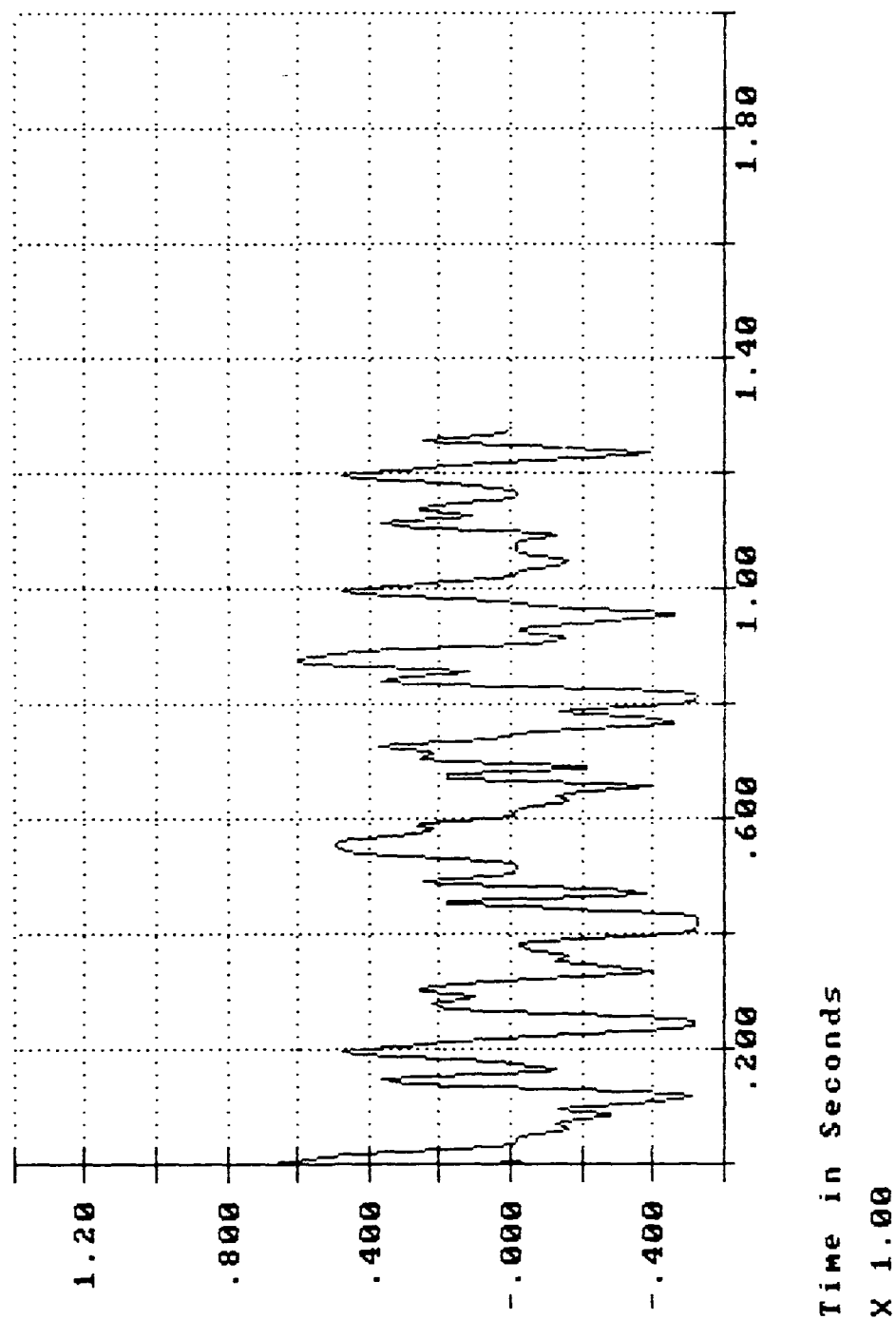


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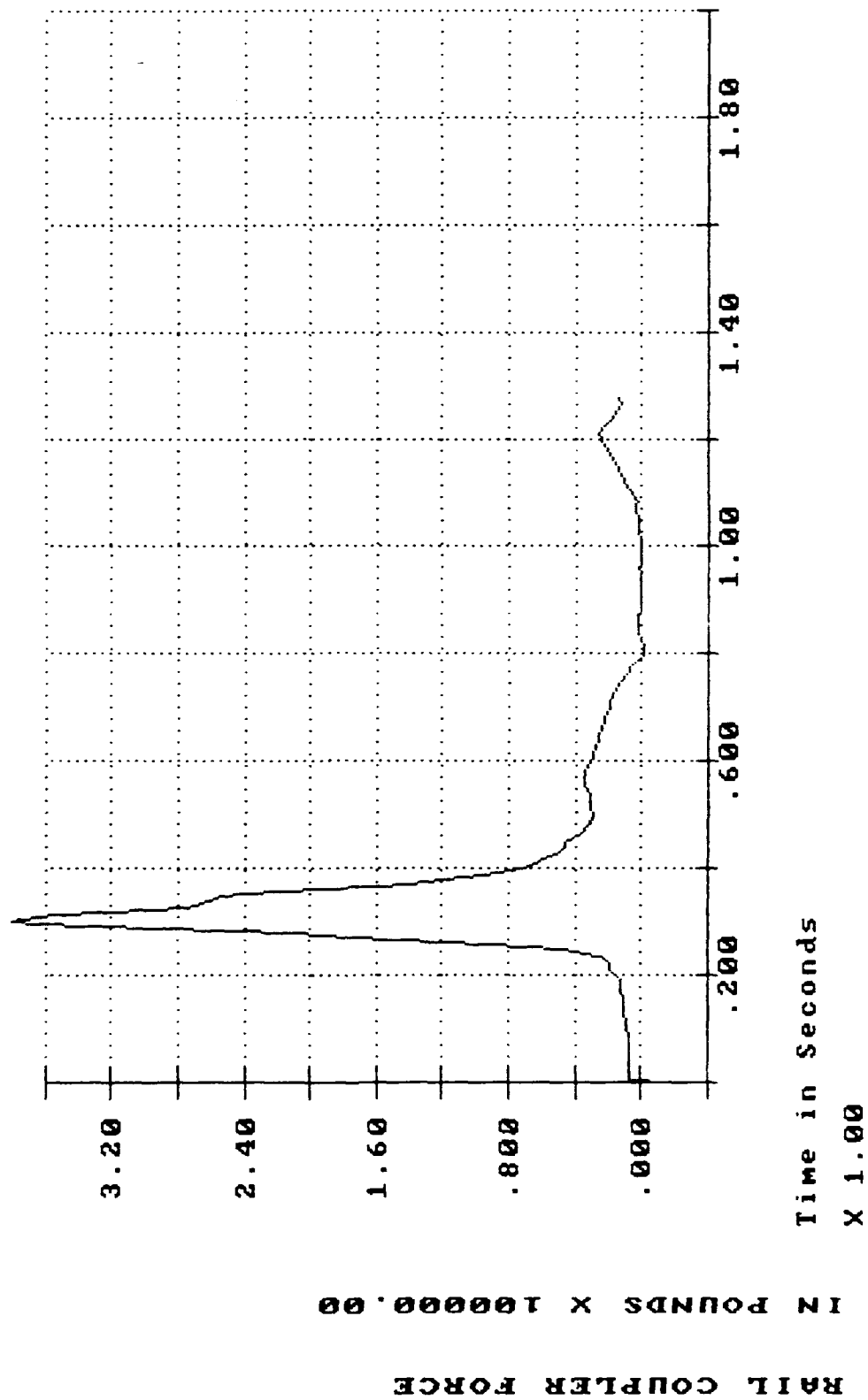


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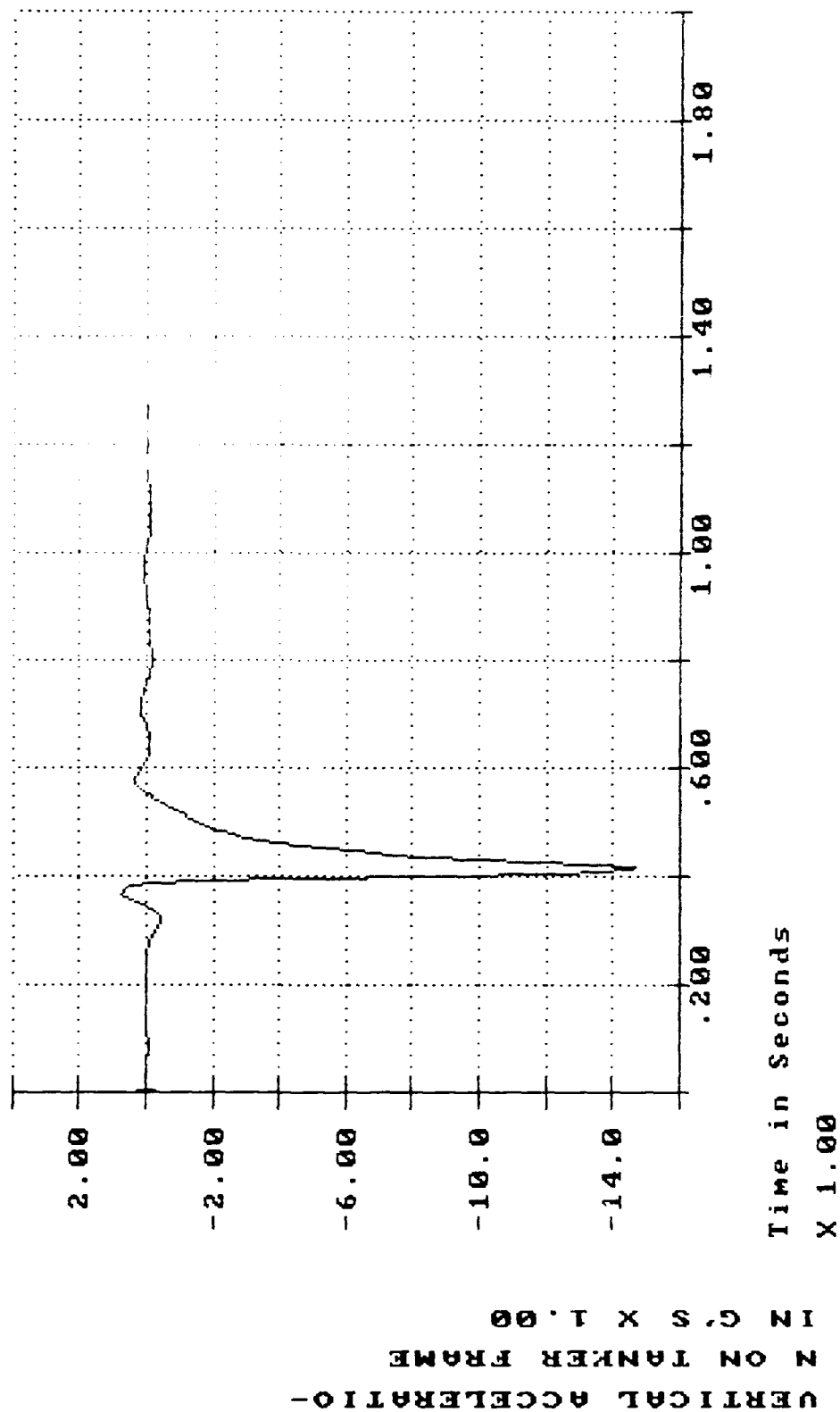
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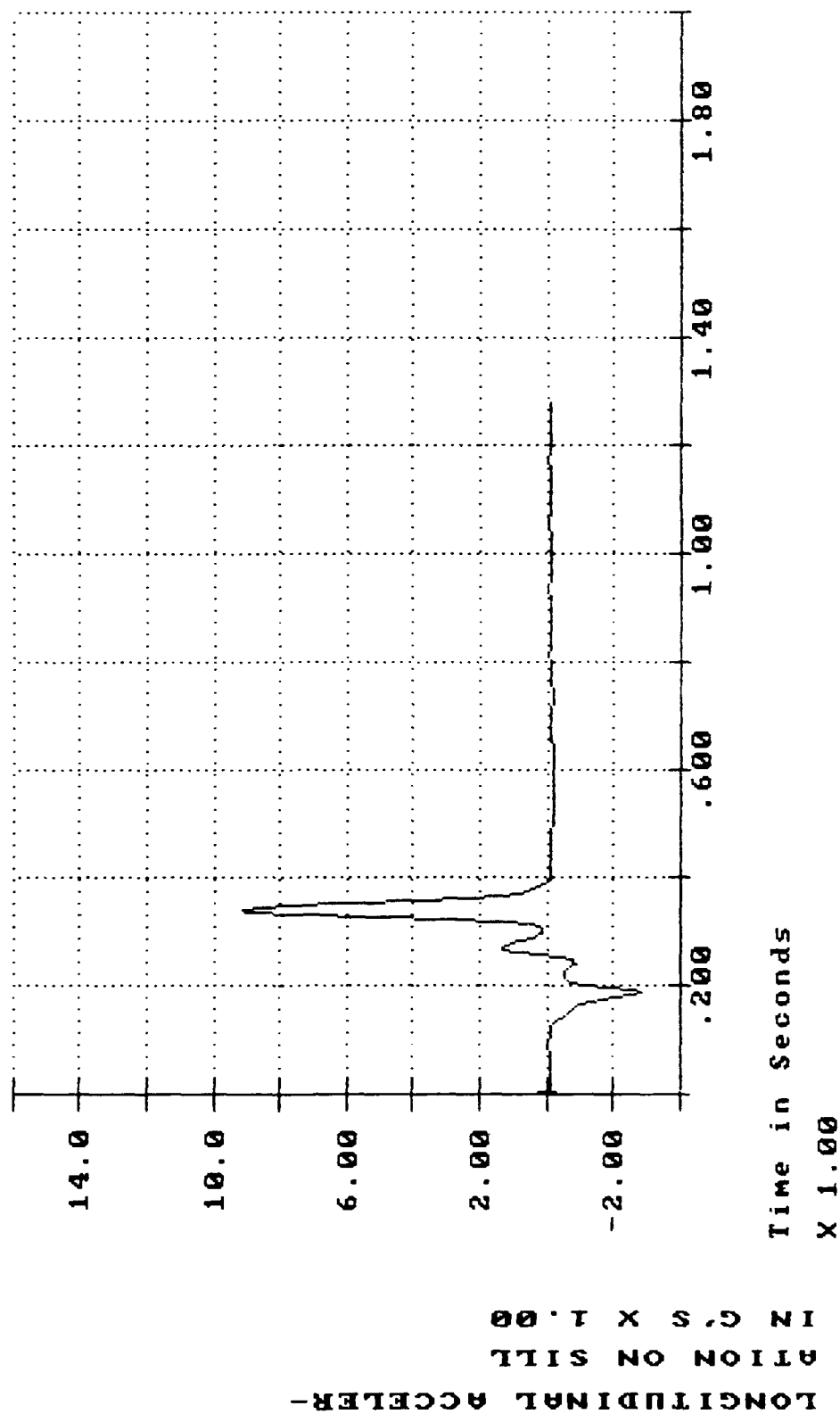
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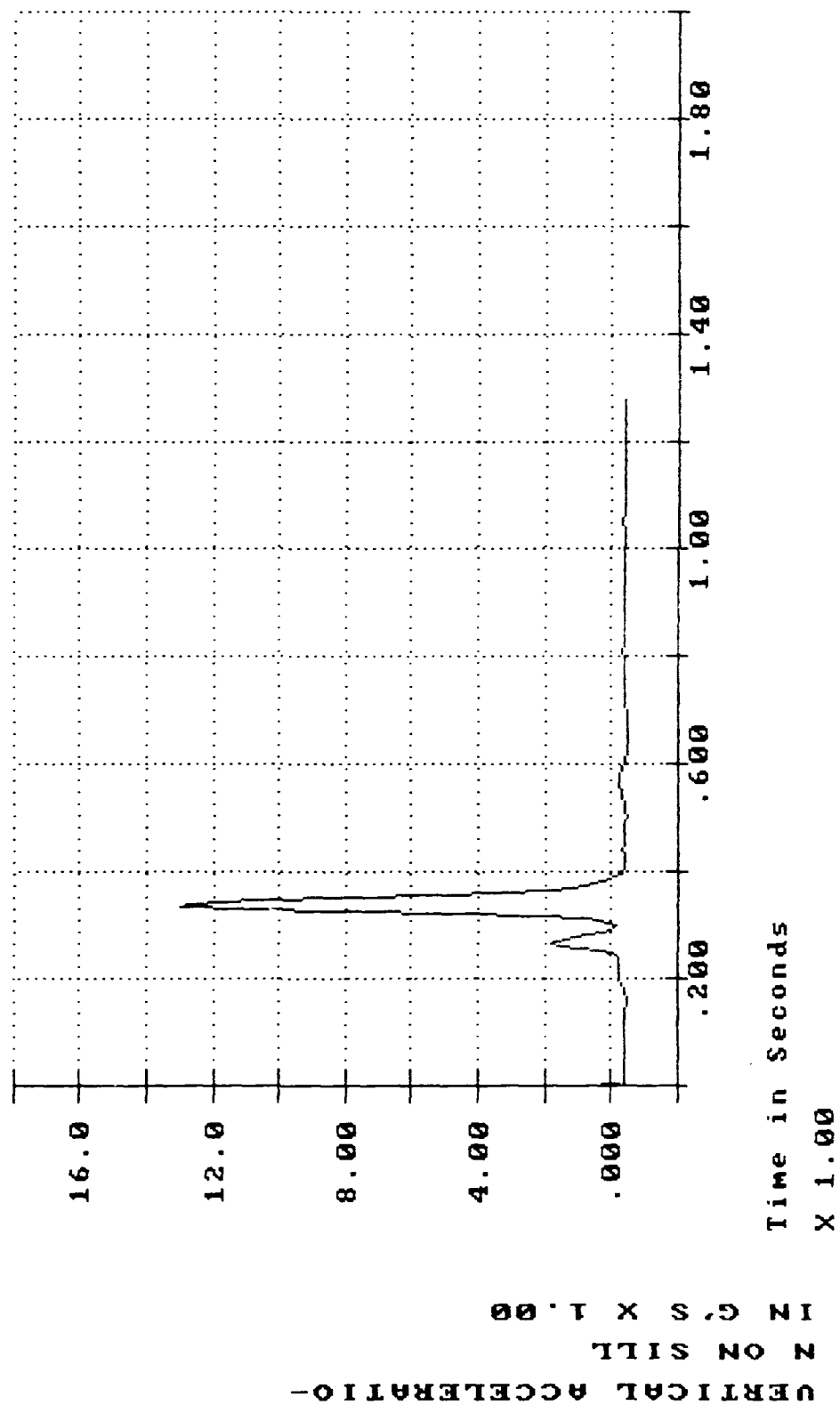
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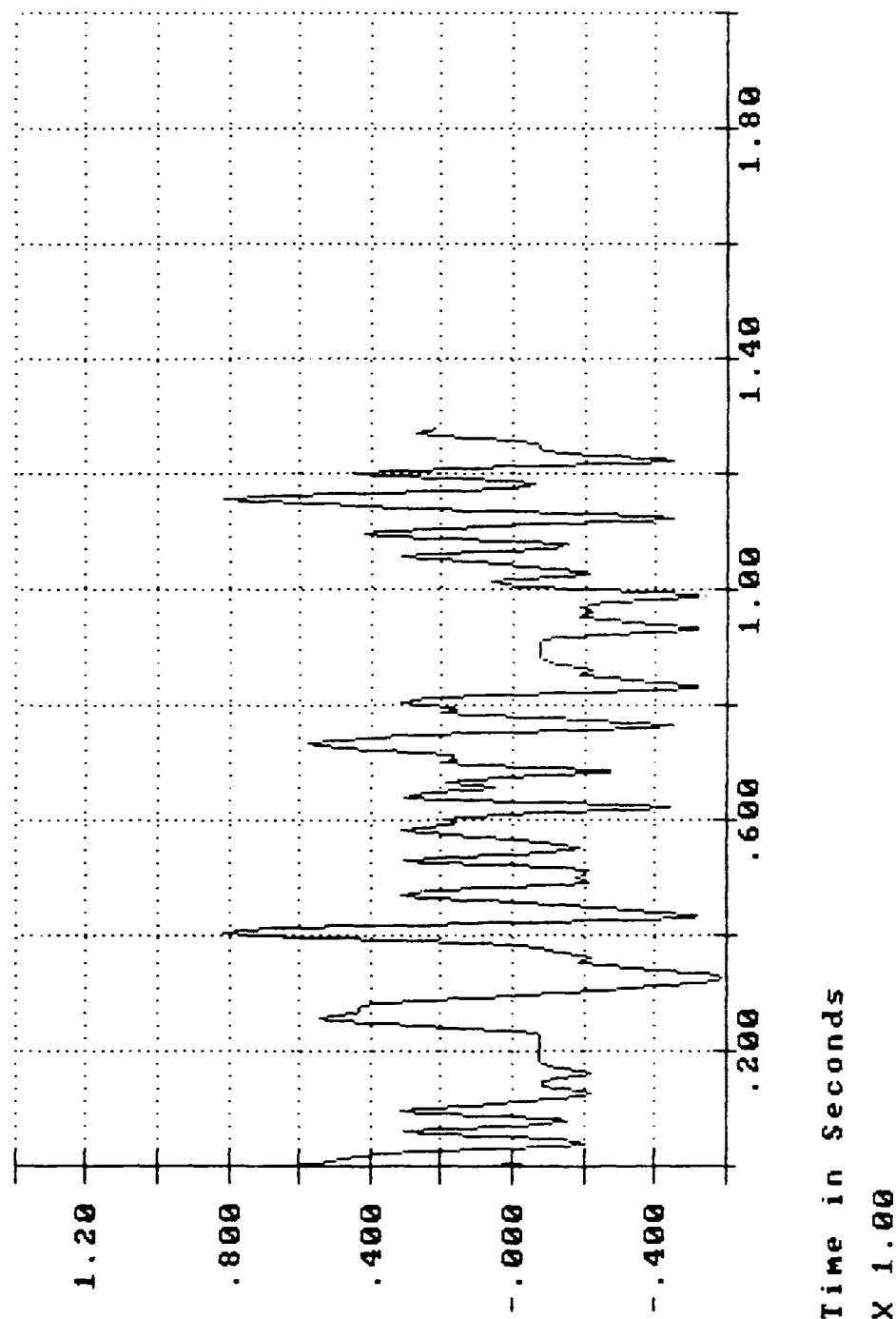
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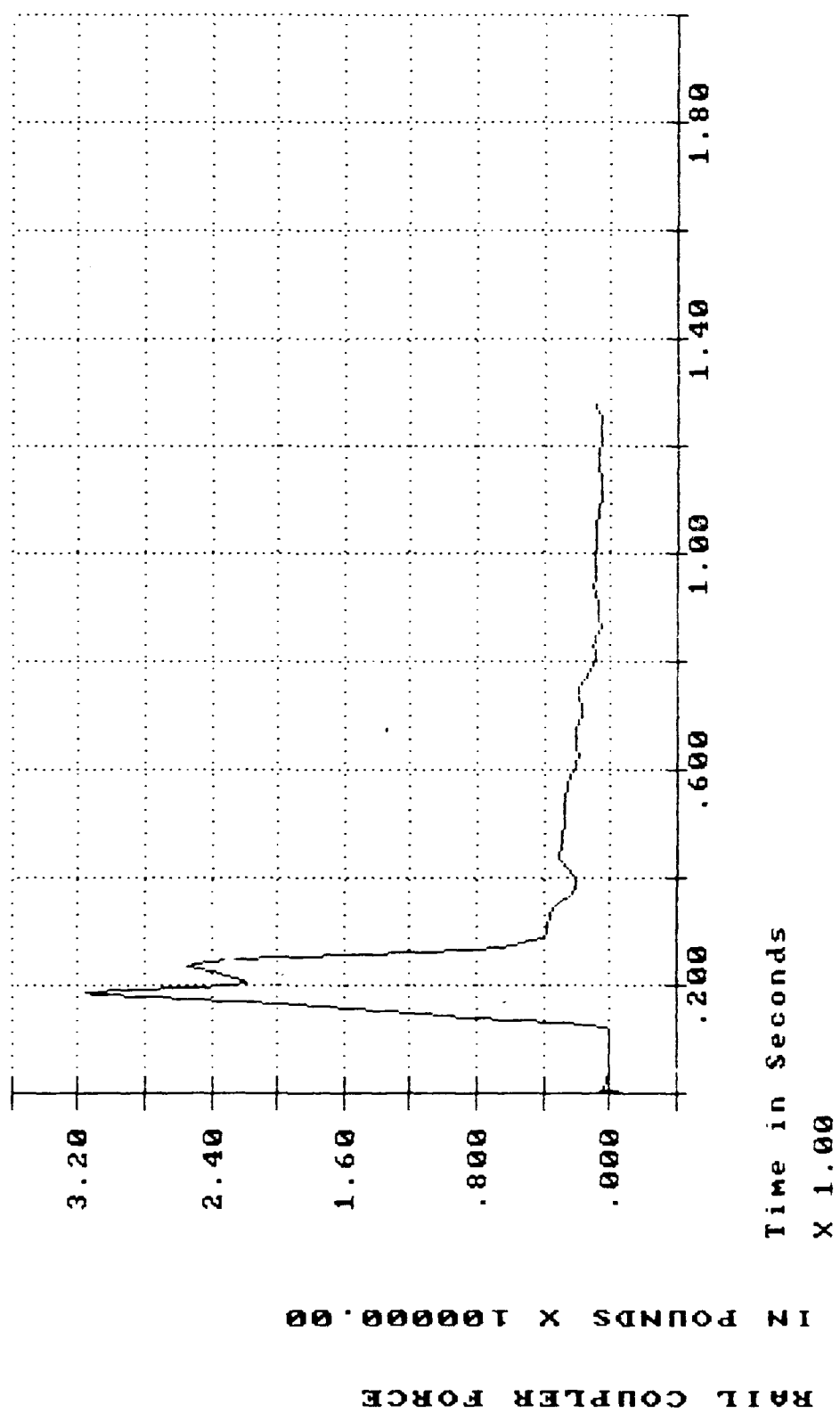
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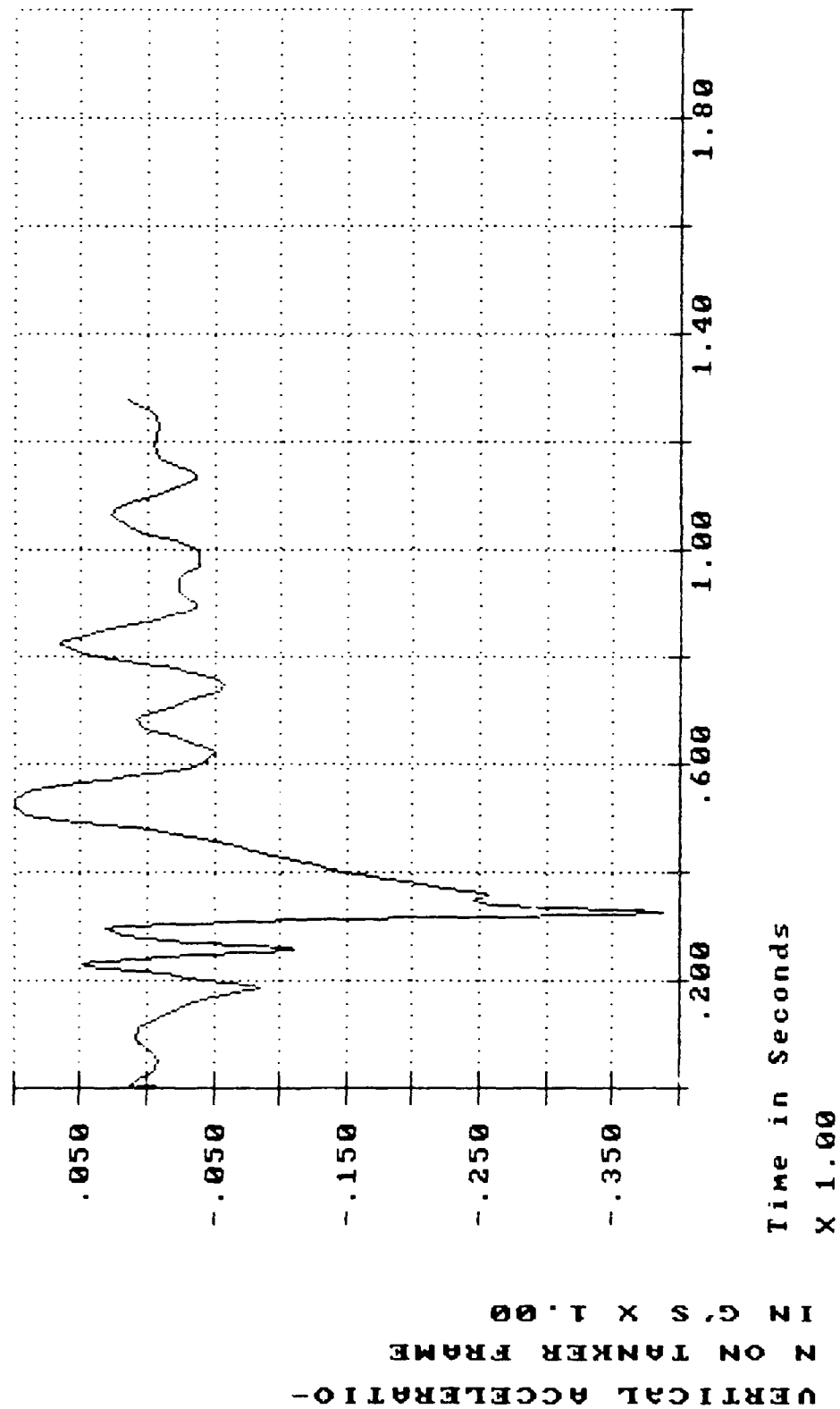
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PART 6

CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

A. CONCLUSIONS

The M969A1 Fuel Tanker Semitrailer was tested for transportability on a railroad flatcar with friction draft gear. The tiedown procedure supplied by Barnes and Reincke, Inc., was satisfactory in restricting movement of the M969A1 Fuel Tanker and in preventing damage to any of the tiedown fittings. In order to make the tiedown procedure more efficient and economical, the four axle stands and four one-half inch cables were removed. The trailer was retested in accordance with the MIL-STD-810D requirements for rail transportation. No damage occurred to the M969A1 Fuel Tanker.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

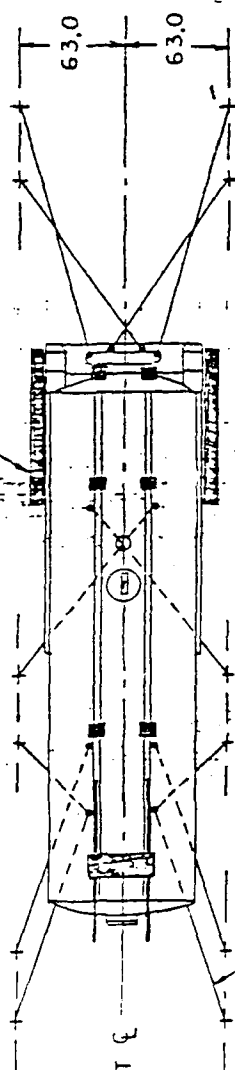
Based on the test results, it is recommended that the modified tiedown procedures for rail transportability of the M969A1 Fuel Tanker Semitrailer be used.

PART 7

TIEDOWN PROCEDURES

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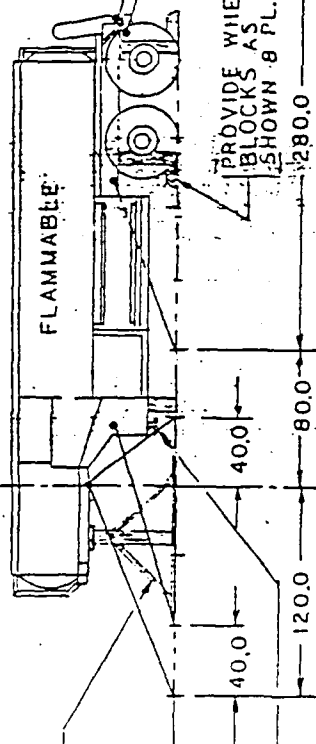
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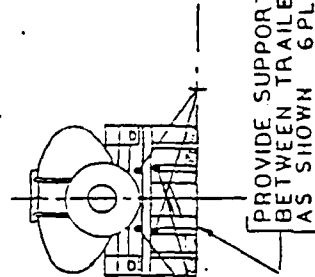
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MINIMUM CAPACITY OF ALL TIEDOWN CABLES OR CHAINS IS 20,000 LB.

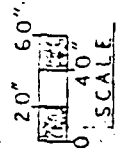
PROVIDE KINGPIN STANCHION BETWEEN TRAILER & DECK AS SHOWN.



LANDING GEAR MUST BE RETRACTED A MIN. OF 3 INCHES FROM THE DECK



UNLESS SPECIFIED DIM TOLERANCES ARE:		DIM IN		± 1"	
ONE PLACE	1.0 ± 1.5	ANGLES			✓
TWO PLACE	± 0.05 ± 0.05	RADIATING			
THREE PLACE	± 0.005 ± 0.005	FINISH			
THIRD ANGLE PROJECTION		DATE	5-5-88	BY	5-9-88
DESIGNED	APPROVED	SCALE			
MAIL & N.T.		SCALE			
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